

# MANDALAY RESOURCES CORPORATION

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD MAY 25, 2022

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR
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### MANDALAY RESOURCES CORPORATION

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an annual general meeting (the "**Meeting**") of the holders ("**Shareholders**") of common shares ("**Common Shares**") of Mandalay Resources Corporation ("**Mandalay**" or the "**Company**") will be held in a virtual-only format, which will be conducted via live audio webcast available online using <a href="https://virtual-meetings.tsxtrust.com/1315">https://virtual-meetings.tsxtrust.com/1315</a> (password: mandalay2022) on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., for the following purposes:

- to receive the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, together with the report of the auditor thereon;
- to fix the board of directors of the Company at seven members and to elect directors of the Company for the ensuing year;
- to appoint an auditor for the ensuing year and to authorize the directors to fix the auditor's remuneration;
   and
- to transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

The nature of the business to be transacted at the Meeting is described in further detail in the accompanying Management Information Circular. The Management Information Circular is deemed to form part of this notice of meeting. Please read the Management Information Circular carefully before you vote on the matters being transacted at the Meeting.

As a result of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"), the Company is prioritizing the health and well-being of its employees, customers, suppliers, partners, securityholders, communities and other stakeholders. The Company is conscious of its responsibility to slowdown the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and reduce its impact on its stakeholders and their health. Out of an abundance of caution, to proactively deal with the public health impact of COVID-19, and to limit and mitigate risks to the health and safety of our stakeholders, and to comply with the local laws or order restricting the size of public gatherings in response to COVID-19, the Company will hold the Meeting in a virtual-only format, which will be conducted by a live audio webcast. Accordingly, Shareholders will only be able to attend and participate in the Meeting online via audio webcast.

Mandalay's board of directors has fixed April 14, 2022 as the record date (the "Record Date") for determining Shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Meeting and at any postponement or adjournment thereof. Only holders of Common Shares as at the close of the business on the Record Date will be entitled to have their votes counted at the Meeting.

The Company is using "notice and access" delivery to furnish proxy materials to Shareholder via the Internet. Management of the Company believes that this delivery process will expedite Shareholders' receipt of proxy materials and lower the costs and reduce the environmental impact of the Meeting. On or before April 22, 2022, the Company will send to Shareholders of record as of the Record Date a notice and access notification (the "N&A Notice") containing instructions on how to access the Company's proxy materials for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. The N&A Notice will also provide instructions on how to vote and how to receive a paper copy of the proxy materials by mail.

Shareholders may attend the Meeting online. At the virtual meeting, registered shareholders and duly appointed proxyholders will have an opportunity to participate, to ask questions, and to vote, all in real time, at the Meeting through an online portal. Non-registered shareholders must carefully follow the procedures set out in the Management Information Circular in order to vote virtually and ask questions through the live audiocast. Guests, including non-registered Shareholders who have not been duly appointed as proxyholders, can log into the virtual Meeting as a guest. Guests may listen to the Meeting but will not be entitled to vote or ask questions during the Meeting.

The vast majority of our shareholders vote by proxy in advance of the meeting and we encourage shareholders to continue to vote in this manner using one of the methods described in the Management Information Circular. To be effective, the enclosed proxy must be received by TSX Trust Company (according to the Instructions on the Form of Proxy), not later than 9 a.m. (Toronto time) on May 20, 2022, or forty-eight (48) hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays in the Province of Ontario) prior to the time set for the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

DATED at Toronto, Ontario, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

#### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(signed) "Dominic Duffy"

Dominic Duffy
President, Chief Executive Officer and Director



### MANDALAY RESOURCES CORPORATION

### MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

This Management Information Circular (the "Circular") is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the management of Mandalay Resources Corporation ("Mandalay" or the "Company") for use at the annual general meeting (the "Meeting") of the shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholders") to be held in a virtual-only format, which will be conducted via live audio webcast available online using <a href="https://virtual-meetings.tsxtrust.com/1315">https://virtual-meetings.tsxtrust.com/1315</a> (password: mandalay2022) on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. (Toronto time), and at any adjournment(s) thereof, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying notice of meeting (the "Notice of Meeting").

In this Circular: the "Company" means Mandalay Resources Corporation; "Common Shares" or "shares" means common shares in the capital of the Company; "Shareholders" means holders of Common Shares; "Beneficial Shareholders" means Shareholders who do not hold Common Shares in their own name; and "intermediaries" means brokers, investment firms, clearing houses and similar entities that own securities on behalf of Beneficial Shareholders.

# **GENERAL PROXY INFORMATION**

# **Solicitation of Proxies**

The Company will use the "notice and access" delivery model ("Notice and Access") to conduct the solicitation of proxies in connection with this Circular. Proxies may also be solicited personally or by telephone by individual directors of the Company or by officers and/or other employees of the Company. The Company will bear the cost in respect of the solicitation of proxies for the Meeting and will bear the legal, printing and other costs associated with the preparation of the Circular. The Company will also pay the fees and costs of intermediaries for their services in transmitting proxy-related material in accordance with National Instrument 54-101 — Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer ("NI 54-101"). This cost is expected to be nominal.

Copies of the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 and current annual information form ("AIF") are available on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("SEDAR") website at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

# **Notice and Access**

The Company is using Notice and Access for both registered holders and Beneficial Shareholders (as defined below), which allows the Company to furnish proxy materials via the Internet to Shareholders instead of mailing paper copies of such materials. Under Notice and Access, the Company can deliver proxy-related materials by (i) posting the Circular (and other proxy related materials) on a website other than SEDAR and (ii) sending a notice informing Shareholder that the Circular and proxy related materials have been posted and explaining how to access them (the "N&A Notice").

On or before April 22, 2022, the Company will send to Shareholders of record as of the Record Date a notice package containing the N&A Notice and the relevant voting document (a form of proxy or voting instruction form) (collectively, the "Meeting Materials"). The N&A Notice will contain basic information about the Meeting and the

matters to be voted on, instructions on how to access the Meeting Materials, an explanation of the Notice and Access process and details of how to obtain a paper copy of this Circular upon request at no cost.

### **Appointment of Proxies**

Instruments of proxy must be received by the Company at the office of its proxy tabulator, TSX Trust Company by mail or hand delivery at 301-100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 4H1, online by visiting <a href="https://www.voteproxyonline.com">www.voteproxyonline.com</a> and entering the 12-digit control number located on the Proxy or via facsimile at 416-595-9593, not less than forty-eight (48) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays in the Province of Ontario, before the time set for the holding of the Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

The instruments of proxy must be in writing and must be executed by the Shareholder or such Shareholder's attorney authorized in writing or, if the Shareholder is a corporation, under its corporate seal or by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized.

Late proxies may be accepted or rejected by the Chair of the Meeting in his discretion, and the Chair is under no obligation to accept or reject any particular late proxy.

The persons named in the enclosed instruments of proxy are either representatives, directors or officers of the Company. Each Shareholder has the right to appoint a proxyholder other than the persons designated in the accompanying form of proxy furnished by the Company, who need not be a Shareholder, to attend and act for such Shareholder and on such Shareholder's behalf at the Meeting. To exercise such right, the name of the Shareholder's appointee should be legibly printed in the blank space provided in the accompanying form of proxy.

# **Revocability of Proxy**

A Shareholder who has submitted a proxy may revoke it at any time prior to the exercise thereof. If a person who has given a proxy personally attends the Meeting at which such proxy is to be voted, such person may revoke the proxy and vote in person. In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a proxy may be revoked by instrument in writing executed by the Shareholder or such Shareholder's attorney authorized in writing or, if the Shareholder is a corporation, under its corporate seal, if applicable, or by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized, and deposited at the office of the Company's proxy tabulator, TSX Trust Company by mail or hand delivery at 301-100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 4H1, online by visiting www.voteproxyonline.com and entering the 12-digit control number located on the Proxy or via facsimile at 416-595-9593, at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof, at which the proxy is to be used, or with the Chair of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting prior to voting, or any adjournment thereof.

# Voting at the Virtual Meeting

Registered Shareholders entitled to vote at the Meeting may attend and vote at the Meeting virtually by following the steps listed below:

- 1. Type in <a href="https://virtual-meetings.tsxtrust.com/1315">https://virtual-meetings.tsxtrust.com/1315</a> on your browser at least 15 minutes before the Meeting starts.
- 2. Click on "I have a control number".
- 3. Enter your 12-digit control number (on your proxy form).
- 4. Enter the password: mandalay2022 (case sensitive).
- 5. When the ballot is opened, click on the "Voting" icon. To vote, simply select your voting direction from the options shown on screen and click **Submit**. A confirmation message will appear to show your vote has been received.

Beneficial Shareholders entitled to vote at the Meeting may vote at the Meeting virtually by following the steps listed below:

- 1. Appoint yourself as proxyholder by writing your name in the space provided on the form of proxy or VIF.
- 2. Sign and send it to your intermediary, following the voting deadline and submission instructions on the VIF.
- 3. Obtain a control number by contacting TSX Trust Company by emailing <a href="mailto:tsxtrustproxyvoting@tmx.com">tsxtrustproxyvoting@tmx.com</a> the "Request for Control Number" form, which can be found here <a href="https://tsxtrust.com/resource/en/75">https://tsxtrust.com/resource/en/75</a>.
- 4. Type in <a href="https://virtual-meetings.tsxtrust.com/1315">https://virtual-meetings.tsxtrust.com/1315</a> on your browser at least 15 minutes before the Meeting starts.
- 5. Click on "I have a control number".
- 6. Enter the control number provided by TSX Trust Company via email.
- 7. Enter the password: mandalay2022 (case sensitive).
- 8. When the ballot is opened, click on the "Voting" icon. To vote, simply select your voting direction from the options shown on screen and click **Submit**. A confirmation message will appear to show your vote has been received.

If you are a registered shareholder and you want to appoint someone else (other than the Management nominees) to vote online at the Meeting, you must first submit your proxy indicating who you are appointing. You or your appointee must then register with TSX Trust in advance of the Meeting by emailing <a href="mailto:tsxtrustproxyvoting@tmx.com">tsxtrustproxyvoting@tmx.com</a> the "Request for Control Number" form, which can be found here <a href="https://tsxtrust.com/resource/en/75">https://tsxtrust.com/resource/en/75</a>.

If you are a non-registered shareholder and want to vote online at the Meeting, you must appoint yourself as proxyholder and register with TSX Trust in advance of the Meeting by emailing <a href="mailto:tsxtrustproxyvoting@tmx.com">tsxtrustproxyvoting@tmx.com</a> the "Request for Control Number" form, which can be found here https://tsxtrust.com/resource/en/75.

Guests can also listen to the Meeting by following the steps below:

- 1. Type in <a href="https://virtual-meetings.tsxtrust.com/1315">https://virtual-meetings.tsxtrust.com/1315</a> on your browser at least 15 minutes before the Meeting starts. Please do not do a Google Search. Do not use Internet Explorer.
- 2. Click on "I am a Guest".

If you have any questions or require further information with regard to voting your Shares, please contact TSX Trust Company toll-free in North America at 1-866-600-5869 or by email at <a href="mailto:tmxeinvestorservices@tmx.com">tmxeinvestorservices@tmx.com</a>.

### **Persons Making the Solicitation**

The solicitation is made on behalf of the management of the Company. The cost of solicitation by management will be borne by the Company. Proxies will be solicited by mail and may also be solicited personally or by telephone by the directors or officers of the Company, who will not be specifically remunerated therefor.

### **Exercise of Discretion by Proxy**

On the form of proxy, you can indicate how you want to vote your Common Shares, or you can let your proxyholder decide for you. If you give directions on how to vote your Common Shares on your form of proxy, your proxyholder must vote your Common Shares according to your instructions. If you have not specified how to vote on a particular matter on your form of proxy, your proxyholder can vote your Common Shares as he or she sees fit. If neither you nor your proxyholder gives specific instructions, your Common Shares will be voted FOR each of the matters stated in the Notice of Meeting. If any amendments or variations are proposed at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof to matters set forth in the proxy and described in the accompanying Notice of Meeting and this Circular, or if any other matters properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof, the proxy confers upon the Shareholder's nominee discretionary authority to vote on such amendments or variations or such other matters according to the best judgment of the person voting the proxy at the Meeting. At the date of this Circular, management of the Company knows of no such amendments, variations or other matters to come before the Meeting.

### **Advice to Beneficial Shareholders**

The information set forth in this section is important to many Shareholders, as a substantial number of Shareholders do not hold Common Shares in their own names. Shareholders who do not hold their Common Shares in their own names (referred to in this Circular as "Beneficial Shareholders") should note that only proxies deposited by Shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of the Common Shares can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting. If Common Shares are listed in an account statement provided to a Shareholder by a broker, investment dealer or other intermediary, then in almost all cases those Common Shares will not be registered in the Shareholder's name on the records of the Company.

Such Common Shares will more likely be registered under the name of the Shareholder's broker or an agent of that broker. In Canada, the vast majority of such Common Shares are registered under the name of CDS & Co. (the registration name for CDS Clearing & Depository Services Inc., which acts as nominee for many Canadian brokerage firms). Common Shares held by brokers, investment dealers or other intermediaries can only be voted (for or against resolutions) upon the Beneficial Shareholder's instructions. Without specific instructions, brokers, investment dealers and other nominees are prohibited from voting Common Shares for their clients. The directors and officers of the Company may not know for whose benefit the Common Shares registered in the name of CDS & Co. are held.

Applicable regulatory policy requires brokers, investment dealers and other nominees to seek voting instructions from Beneficial Shareholders in advance of Shareholders' meetings. Every investment dealer or other intermediary has its own mailing procedures and provides its own return instructions, which should be carefully followed by Beneficial Shareholders to ensure that their Common Shares are voted at the Meeting. Often, the form of proxy supplied to a Beneficial Shareholder by its investment dealer or other intermediary is identical to the form of proxy provided to registered Shareholders. However, its purpose is limited to instructing the registered Shareholders on how to vote on behalf of the Beneficial Shareholder. The majority of investment dealers or other nominees now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Broadridge Financial Solutions Inc. ("Broadridge"). Broadridge typically applies a decal to the proxy forms, mails those forms to the Beneficial Shareholders and asks Beneficial Shareholders to return the proxy forms to Broadridge. Broadridge then tabulates the results of all instructions received and provides appropriate instructions respecting the voting of Common Shares to be represented at the Meeting. A Beneficial Shareholder receiving a proxy with a Broadridge decal on it cannot use that proxy to vote Common Shares directly at the Meeting. The proxy must be returned to Broadridge well in advance of the Meeting to have the Common Shares voted.

Beneficial Shareholders (other than Beneficial Shareholders who are duly appointed proxyholders) will not be admitted to the Meeting. Beneficial Shareholders are urged to vote their Common Shares in advance of the Meeting in accordance with the procedures and instructions received from Broadridge or other applicable intermediary. Beneficial Shareholders may listen to the Meeting using the live audioconferencing facilities described in this Circular.

### INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS OR COMPANIES IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

No director or executive officer of the Company, nor any person who has held such a position at any time since January 1, 2021, nor any nominee for election as a director of the Company, nor any associate or affiliate of the foregoing persons, has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any matter to be acted on at the Meeting other than the election of directors.

### **VOTING SHARES AND PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS**

The Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") has fixed the record date for determining Shareholders entitled to receive notice and to vote at the Meeting as the close of business on April 14, 2022 (the "Record Date"). Only Shareholders of record at the close of business on the Record Date who either attend the Meeting personally or complete, sign and deliver a form of proxy in the manner and subject to the provisions described above will be entitled to vote or to have their Common Shares voted at the Meeting.

The authorized capital of the Company consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares without nominal or par value. As of the Record Date, the Company had 92,175,953 issued and outstanding Common Shares. Each Common Share carries the right to one vote. The Common Shares are listed and posted for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSX") under the symbol "MND".

As at the date of this Circular, to the knowledge of the directors and senior officers of the Company, except as set out in the table below, no person or company beneficially owns, or controls or directs, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of any class of voting securities of the Company, on a non-diluted basis.

Name	Number of Common Shares Owned or Controlled or Directed	Percentage of Outstanding Common Shares
CE Mining III MND Limited	23,236,296	25.3%
GMT Capital Corp.	18,004,488	19.6%
Ruffer LLP	17,344,688	18.9%
AzValor Asset Management SGIIC, S.A.U.	11,239,529	12.2%

As of the Record Date, the directors and executive officers of the Company, as a group, beneficially owned, or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly, approximately 24,046,201 Common Shares, representing approximately 26.09% of the outstanding Common Shares.

### QUORUM

A quorum will be present at the Meeting if there are two persons who are, or who represent by proxy, Shareholders who, in the aggregate, hold at least 5% of the issued Common Shares entitled to be voted at the Meeting.

# PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED ON AT THE MEETING

The Meeting has been called for Shareholders to consider and, if thought appropriate, to pass resolutions in relation to each of the following matters:

# **Financial Statements**

The Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, together with the auditor's reports thereon will be presented at the Meeting.

### **Election of Directors**

Directors of the Company are elected annually by the Shareholders. Seven directors are to be elected at the Meeting. Accordingly, at the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to vote on an ordinary resolution to fix the Board at seven members and to elect seven directors. Each director elected will hold office until the conclusion of the next annual meeting or until his or her successor is appointed, unless his or her office is vacated earlier in accordance with the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) (the "Act") and the articles of the Company.

### **Majority Voting Policy**

The Board has adopted a policy that entitles each Shareholder to vote for each nominee on an individual basis. Each director should be elected by the vote of a majority of the Common Shares represented in person or proxy at the Meeting that are voted in respect of that director. If any nominee for election as director receives, from the Common Shares voted at the Meeting in person or by proxy, a greater number of votes "withheld" than votes "for" his or her election, the director will be expected to immediately tender his or her offer to resign to the Chair of the Board following the Meeting.

In such circumstances, the Compensation, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee will expeditiously consider such director's offer to resign and make a recommendation to the Board whether to accept such director's offer to resign. Within 90 days of the Meeting, the Board will make a final decision concerning the acceptance of such director's offer to resign and promptly announce its decision and the reasons for its decision in a news release (a copy of which will be provided to the TSX). Absent exceptional circumstances, the Board will accept such director's offer to resign. Any director who tenders his or her offer to resign will not participate in the deliberations of the Board or any of its committees pertaining to the offer to resign.

The above process applies only in circumstances involving an "uncontested" election of directors — where the number of director nominees does not exceed the number of directors to be elected and where no proxy materials are circulated in support of one or more nominees who are not part of the slate supported by the Board for election at the meeting. If any director fails to tender his or her offer to resign as contemplated above, the Board will not renominate that director. Where the Board accepts the offer of resignation of a director, such resignation will, upon such acceptance, take effect immediately. The Board may exercise its discretion with respect to the resulting vacancy and may, without limitation, leave the resulting vacancy unfilled until the next annual meeting of Shareholders, fill the vacancy by appointing a new director whom the Board consider merits the confidence of the Shareholders, or call a special meeting of Shareholders to elect a new nominee to fill the vacant position.

### **Advance Notice Policy**

The Company has adopted an amended and restated advance notice policy (the "Amended and Restated Advance Notice Policy"), which requires advance notice to the Company in circumstances where nominations of persons for election to the Board are made by Shareholders other than pursuant to: (i) a proposal made in accordance with the Act; or (ii) a requisition of the Shareholders made in accordance with the Act. Among other things, the Amended and Restated Advance Notice Policy fixes a deadline by which Shareholders must submit director nominations to the corporate secretary of the Company prior to any annual or special meeting of Shareholders and sets forth the specific information that a Shareholder must include in such notice for an effective nomination to occur. Pursuant to the Amended and Restated Advance Notice Policy, no person will be eligible for election as a director of the Company unless nominated in accordance with the provisions of the Amended and Restated Advance Notice Policy.

Pursuant to the Amended and Restated Advance Notice Policy, in the case of an annual meeting of Shareholders, notice to the Company must be made not less than 30 days prior to the date of the annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting is to be held on a date that is less than 50 days after the date on which the first public announcement of the date of the annual meeting was made by the Company, notice may be made not later than the close of business on the 10th day following such public announcement. In the case of a special meeting of Shareholders (which is not also an annual meeting), notice to the Company must be made not later than the close of business on the 15th day following the day on which the first public announcement of the date of the special meeting was made.

No director nominations were received pursuant to the Amended and Restated Advance Notice Policy prior to the date of this Circular.

### Nominees for Appointment

The Board is currently comprised of seven directors. The articles of the Company provide for a minimum of three directors. The term of office for each of the Company's present directors expires at the conclusion of the Meeting.

The Board approved the nomination of the individuals named below (each a "Nominee", and together the "Nominees") for election as directors. All seven of the Nominees are currently directors of the Company and have been since the dates indicated.

Each director will hold office until the conclusion of the next annual meeting of the Company, or until the director's successor is duly elected or appointed, unless the director's office is earlier vacated in accordance with the Company's by-laws of the director becomes disqualified to act as a director. Management does not contemplate that any of the Nominees will be unable to serve as a director. However, if a Nominee should be unable to serve as

a director for any reason prior to the Meeting, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy reserve the right to vote for another nominee in their discretion.

The Board recommends that shareholders vote <u>FOR</u> the election of the Nominees. In the absence of a contrary instruction, the persons named in in the enclosed form of proxy intend to vote FOR the election of the Nominees.

· Bradford A. Mills

Dominic DuffyJulie Galloway

Terrell Ackerman

Abraham Jonker

Amy Freedman

Robert Doyle

#### **Bradford A. Mills**



Status: Chair and Non-Independent Director

**Age:** 67

Residence: Texas, United States of America

Joined Board: September 25, 2009

### **Biography**

Mr. Mills has over 40 years of experience in the resource industry. He is the founder and managing director of Plinian Capital, a private equity firm whose principal business is investment in natural resources projects and companies. Mr. Mills served as the Chief Executive Officer of Mandalay from 2009 and oversaw its transition to a producing gold company from 2010 onwards. He stepped down as CEO in 2016. From 2004 – 2009, Mr. Mills held the position of Chief Executive Officer of Lonmin Plc (GBX: LMI), the world's number three platinum and platinum group metals producer. Prior to that, Mr. Mills served as president of the BHP Billiton's copper group. Mr. Mills is currently a director of Rambler Metals & Mining PLC (AIMM: RMM), a mining company engaged in the development, mining and exploration of base and precious metals in Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada; Circum Minerals, a private potash development company in Ethiopia and CNM, a private nickel-copper-cobalt-PGM producing company in Zambia.

**Principal Occupation** 

Founder of Plinian Capital

Other Public Company Directorships Rambler Metals & Mining PLC (AIM: RMM) since June 2016

Securities Held as of April 14, 2022		Board and Committee Membership	2021 Attendance
Common Shares* 2	23,290,940	Board (Chair)	12 of 12 (100%)
Stock Options	Nil	Safety, Health and Environmental	
Restricted Share Units	27,323	Committee (Chair)	3 of 3 (100%)
Deferred Shared Units	46,038		

<sup>\*54,644</sup> directly and 23,236,296 held in trust for CE Mining III LPs

### **Abraham Jonker**



Status: Lead Independent Director

**Age:** 54

Residence: British Columbia, Canada

Joined Board: August 6, 2010

# **Biography**

Mr. Jonker is a registered Chartered Accountant in British Columbia, (Canada), England and Wales as well as South Africa. He is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants in the United Kingdom and holds a Masters degree in South African and International Tax from the Rand Afrikaans University. Mr. Jonker has almost 30 years of extensive management, accounting and corporate finance experience across five continents, mostly in the mining industry. Mr. Jonker currently serves as the Lead Independent Director of Mandalay. Previously he was the Chief Financial Officer of Nevada Copper Corp. and Western Coal Corp. at the time of its take-over by Walter Energy for \$3.3 billion. During his career Mr. Jonker has played a pivotal role in several business recoveries, has been a key team member at management level in the strategic growth of several public companies, has raised and overseen the raising of more than \$750 million in the form of equity and debt instruments and has been involved in corporate transactions aggregating several billion dollars.

**Principal Occupation** 

**Corporate Director** 

Other Public Company Directorships CoTec Holdings Corp. (TSX-V: CTH.H) since July 2011

Securities Held as of April 14, 2022		Board and Committee Membership	2021 Attendance
Common Shares	142,116	Board (Lead Independent Director)	12 of 12 (100%)
Stock Options	Nil	Audit Committee	4 of 4 (100%)
Restricted Share Units	42,474		
Deferred Share Units	46,038		

# **Amy Freedman**

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Status: Independent Director

**Age:** 49

Residence: Ontario, Canada

Joined Board: May 24, 2016

### **Biography**

Ms. Freedman is currently a Partner at Ewing Morris and Co., a boutique asset management firm based in Toronto and is a director of Park Lawn Corp. Previously, Ms. Freedman was the CEO of Kingsdale Advisors, a leading shareholder services and advisory firm specializing in strategic and defensive advisory, governance advisory, proxy and voting analytics and investor communication. Prior to Kingsdale Ms. Freedman spent 15 years in capital markets as an investment banker with global firms including Stifel and Morgan Stanley in both Toronto and New York. Ms. Freedman holds an MBA and JD from the University of Toronto.

**Principal Occupation** Partner at Ewing Morris and Co.

Other Public Directorships Park Lawn Corporation (TSX: PLC) since June 2020

Securities Held as of April 14, 2022		Board and Committee Membership	2021 Attendance
Common Shares	99,909	Board	12 of 12 (100%)
Stock Options	Nil	Audit Committee	4 of 4 (100%)
Restricted Share Units	69,796	69,796 Compensation, Corporate Governance &	
Deferred Share Units 46,038 Nominat		Nominating Committee	4 of 4 (100%)

# **Dominic Duffy**



Status: Non-Independent Director

**Age:** 46

**Residence:** Ontario, Canada

Joined Board: May 14, 2018

### **Biography**

Mr. Duffy holds a B.Eng. in Mining Engineering from the University of New South Wales (Sydney, Australia). He has extensive technical and operational management experience, having worked at numerous operations throughout Australia and Latin America. Prior to joining Mandalay Resources, Mr. Duffy most recently worked for Coeur d'Alene Mines and Hecla Mining Company in South America.

Principal Occupation President & Chief Executive Officer of the Company

Other Public Directorships None

Securities Held as of April 14, 2022Board and Committee Membership2021 AttendanceCommon Shares47,300Board12 of 12 (100%)Stock Options872,801

Performance Share Units 298,135

149,068

**Restricted Share Units** 

# **Julie Galloway**



Status: Independent Director Nominee

**Age:** 58

Residence: Ontario, Canada

Joined Board: May 26, 2021

# **Biography**

Ms. Galloway is a lawyer with over 25 years of corporate legal experience in the mining industry. From 2010 to 2019, she was the Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Detour Gold Corporation. Prior to that, she served as Vice-President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary at FNX Mining Company Inc. (2008 to 2010), Vice President, General Counsel for Dynatec Corporation (2005 to 2007) and in a number of legal positions, including Associate General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, with Noranda Inc. Falconbridge Ltd. (1995 to 2005). Since leaving Detour Gold, Ms. Galloway has provided legal assistance to both Golden Star Resources Ltd. and Harte Gold Corp. Ms. Galloway started her career at the law firm Blake, Cassels and Graydon. She received a B.A. (Hons.) in economics and political science from the University of Waterloo and an LL.B. from the University of Toronto.

Principal Occupation	Corporate Legal Counsel	
Other Public Directorships	None	

Securities Held as of April 14, 2022		Board and Committee Membership	2021 Attendance
Common Shares	Nil	Board	12 of 12 (100%)
Stock Options Nil		Compensation, Corporate Governance &	
Restricted Share Units Nil		Nominating Committee	2 of 2 (100%)
Deferred Share Units 32,635		Safety, Health and Environmental	
		Committee (Chair)	2 of 2 (100%)

# **Robert Doyle**

Status: Independent Director

**Age:** 67

Residence: Ontario, Canada

Joined Board: April 21, 2010

### **Biography**

Mr. Doyle has over 40 years of experience in all facets of international resource exploration, development and production. Mr. Doyle served as a director of Golden Star Resources Ltd. Until March 2021. He was Chief Executive Officer of Medoro Resources Limited until October 2009 and was Executive Vice President prior to that. Previously, Mr. Doyle was Chief Financial Officer of a number of companies including Pacific Stratus Energy Corp., Coalcorp Mining Inc., Bolivar Gold Corp. and HMZ Metals Inc., Lac Minerals and Falconbridge Limited. In addition, he was previously a gold market analyst at RBC Capital Markets and Credit Suisse First Boston. Mr. Doyle holds CPA, CA and C.Dir designations and graduated with an HBA in Business Administration from the Ivey School of Business, University of Western Ontario.

Principal Occupation Corporate Director

Other Public Directorships None

Securities Held as of Ap	oril 14, 2022	Board and Committee Membership	2021 Attendance
Common Shares	215,352	Board	12 of 12 (100%)
Stock Options	Nil	Audit Committee (Chair)	4 of 4 (100%)
Restricted Share Units	42,474	Compensation, Corporate Governance &	
Deferred Share Units	46,038	Nominating Committee	4 of 4 (100%)

# **Terrell Ackerman**



Status: Non-Independent Director

**Age:** 68

Residence: Montana, United States of America

Joined Board: June 18, 2019

### **Biography**

Mr. Ackerman was interim Chief Executive Officer of Stillwater Mining Company during 2013, having joined the company in 2000 as Director of Corporate Planning. During 1998 and 1999, Mr. Ackerman conducted feasibility studies, operational and mine planning reviews for various underground operations. Prior to this time, Mr. Ackerman was Vice President and General Manager of BHP Copper's San Manuel Operation in Arizona. Mr. Ackerman held increasing roles of accountability for Magma Copper Company starting as an underground engineer in training in 1976. Mr. Ackerman received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mine Engineering from the University of Idaho College of Mines.

Principal Occupation Corporate Director

**Other Public Directorships** 

Rambler Metals & Mining PLC (AIM: RMM) since June 2016

Securities Held as of April 14, 2022		Board and Committee Membership	2021 Attendance
Common Shares	73,163	Board	12 of 12 (100%)
Stock Options	Nil	Safety, Health & Environmental Committee	3 of 3 (100%)
Restricted Share Units	36,582		
Deferred Share Units	46,038		

### Orders, Penalties and Bankruptcies

Abraham Jonker was a Director, President and Interim CFO of EastCoal Inc. ("EastCoal") when EastCoal filed a Notice of Intention to Make a Proposal pursuant to the provisions of Part III of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (Canada) on November 5, 2013. EastCoal emerged from creditor protection on May 21, 2014 following the successful implementation of a compromise agreement with creditors, in which the creditors agreed to reduce the claim amount providing for the full and final settlement of all the claims against EastCoal.

Other than as described above, to the knowledge of the Company, as of the date hereof, no Nominee:

- is, or has been, within 10 years before the date hereof, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Company) that:
  - (i) was subject to an order that was issued while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer, or
  - (ii) was subject to an order that was issued after the proposed director ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer;
- (b) is, or has been, within 10 years before the date hereof, a director or executive officer of any company (including the Company) that, while such Nominee was acting in that capacity, or within a year of such Nominee ceased to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets; or
- (c) has, within 10 years before the date hereof, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangements or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of such Nominee.

For the purposes of the above section, the term "order" means:

- (a) a cease trade order;
- (b) an order similar to a cease trade order; or
- (c) an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation

that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days.

To the knowledge of the Company, as of the date hereof, no Nominee has been subject to:

(a) any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body.

# **Appointment of Auditors**

Management recommends the re-appointment of Ernst & Young ("E&Y") LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, of Toronto, Ontario, as auditor of the Company to hold office until the close of the next annual meeting of the Shareholders, or until their successor is otherwise appointed.

E&Y was first appointed as auditor of the Company on June 10, 2014. E&Y implemented Engagement Partner rotation and Independent Partner rotation during fiscal 2020.

The Board recommends that Shareholders vote <u>FOR</u> an ordinary resolution approving the re-appointment of E&Y as auditor of the Company and authorizing the Board, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, to fix their remuneration. Unless otherwise instructed, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy intend to vote <u>FOR</u> the re-appointment of E&Y as the Company's auditors, to hold office until the close of the Company's next annual meeting of shareholders, and to authorize the Board, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, to fix their remuneration.

# **COMPENSATION**

# **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

#### Introduction

The Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this Circular sets out the objectives of the Company's arrangements, the Company's executive compensation philosophy and the application of this philosophy to the Company's executive compensation arrangements.

### Compensation Corporate Governance, and Nominating Committee

In August 2010, the Company established the Compensation, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee (as such committee relates to compensation matters, the "Compensation Committee") to assist the Board with compensation, corporate governance and nominating matters. The Compensation Committee is responsible for oversight on, among other things:

- recruitment, development and retention of senior management;
- appointment, performance evaluation and compensation of senior management;
- succession, planning systems and processes relating to senior management; and
- compensation structure for the Board and senior management;

Adjustments in salary are reviewed by the Compensation Committee and recommended for approval to the Board.

The Compensation Committee is currently comprised of three members: Amy Freedman, Julie Galloway and Robert Doyle. All members are considered "independent" in accordance with the definition set out in National Instrument 58-101 – *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* ("**NI 58-101**").

# Relevant Education and Experience

Amy Freedman - Director

Ms. Freedman is currently a Partner at Ewing Morris and Co., a boutique asset management firm based in Toronto and is a director of Park Lawn Corp. Previously, Ms. Freedman was the CEO of Kingsdale Advisors, a leading shareholder services and advisory firm specializing in strategic and defensive advisory, governance advisory, proxy and voting analytics and investor communication. Prior to Kingsdale Ms. Freedman spent 15 years in capital markets as an investment banker with global firms including Stifel and Morgan Stanley in both Toronto and New York. Ms. Freedman holds an MBA and JD from the University of Toronto.

Julie Galloway - Director

Ms. Galloway has more than 25 years of experience working with executive management and the corporate governance and compensation committees of reporting issuers in the mining sector in establishing executive

compensation programs. Ms. Galloway obtained a B.A. (Hons.) in economics and political science from the University of Waterloo and an LL.B. from the University of Toronto.

# Robert Doyle - Director

Mr. Doyle has over 40 years of experience in all facets of international resource exploration, development and production. Currently, Mr. Doyle serves as a director of Golden Star Resources Ltd and sits on its Audit Committee and Compensation Committee. He was Chief Executive Officer of Medoro Resources Limited until October 2009 and was Executive Vice President prior to that. Previously, Mr. Doyle was Chief Financial Officer of a number of companies including Pacific Stratus Energy Corp., Coalcorp Mining Inc., Bolivar Gold Corp. and HMZ Metals Inc., Lac Minerals and Falconbridge Limited. In addition, he was previously a gold market analyst at RBC Capital Markets and Credit Suisse First Boston. Mr. Doyle holds CPA, CA and C.Dir designations and graduated with an HBA in Business Administration from the Ivey School of Business, University of Western Ontario.

#### Philosophy

The Company believes that recruiting and retaining skilled and experienced executives is critical to the Company's success and to delivering value to shareholders. When determining compensation arrangements for Named Executive Officers ("NEO"), the following objectives are considered: (i) providing fair and competitive compensation; (ii) balancing the interests of management and shareholders; (iii) rewarding executive officers for superior corporate performance relative to objectives pre-approved by the Board; (iv) reflecting the Company's past performance and current state of development; and (v) be commensurate with the Company's financial ability to remunerate NEO.

Compensation serves to attract and retain the right talented people, influence thinking, behavior and action towards desired results and align with shareholder value creation. Ultimately, the Company strives to create the "experience of personal satisfaction that comes with high performance and recognition" in alignment with these values for its employees.

#### **Benchmarking**

In determining the compensation level for each NEO, management and the Compensation Committee considers and balances factors such as the relative complexity of the executive's role within the organization; the executive's experience, performance and potential for future advancement; and ranges of pay across its peer group. Part of the Compensation Committee's objective is to establish compensation levels that are fair and reasonable, based in part on benchmarking against similar companies, but offering significant incentive for above-average performance.

The below listed peer group and table is as of November 30, 2020 that was used for determining the 2021 NEO compensation. As of the date of this Circular, several companies have ceased to exist due to mergers and acquisitions within the mining sector. The Company's peer group is reviewed and updated periodically.

Selection criteria for the benchmarking peer group included:

- Industry (including gold, silver and base metal mining)
- Location of operations and company headquarters in Canada
- Financial indicators of size and strength, including production levels, market capitalization, revenues, assets and total shareholder return
- Argonaut Gold Inc.
- Calibre Mining Corp.
- Fiore Gold Ltd.
- Golden Star Resources Ltd.
- Gran Colombia Gold Corp.
- Great Panther Mining Ltd.
- Harte Gold Corp.
- Jaguar Mining Inc.
- McEwen Mining Inc.
- Premier Gold Mines Ltd.
- Robex Resources Inc.
- Roxgold Inc.
- Superior Gold Inc.
- TMAC Resources Inc.
- Wesdome Gold Mines Ltd.

Percentile	Market Capitalization	Total Enterprise Value	Revenue	Assets	
75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	594	620	292	429	
Median	426	449	210	344	
25 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	181	260	107	162	
Mandalay	148	191	156	259	
Percentile Rank	15%	13%	44%	33%	

#### **Compensation Consultant**

In 2020, the Compensation Committee retained Kingsdale Advisors ("**Kingsdale**") to perform a one-time peer group analysis and recommend quantum of option grants and changes to the design of the NEO's 2021 compensation. The following table sets forth, by category, the aggregate fees billed by Kingsdale.

	Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021 (CDN\$)	Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020 (CDN\$)	
Executive compensation-related fees	NIL	25,000	
All other fees	NIL	NIL	
Total	NIL	25,000	

#### **Elements of Compensation**

The compensation paid to the NEO in 2021 consisted of three primary components:

- (a) base salary;
- (b) short-term incentives in the form of annual cash bonuses; and
- (c) long-term incentives in the form of stock options, restricted share units and performance share units.

# Base Salary

Base salary recognizes the value of an individual to the Company based on his or her role, skill, experience, performance, leadership and potential. It is critical in attracting and retaining executive talent in the markets in which the Company competes for talent. Base salaries for the NEO, and other key employees, are reviewed by the Compensation Committee annually. Any change in base salary of a NEO is generally determined by an assessment of such executive's performance, a review of the performance of the Company as a whole and the role the executive officer played in corporate performance, as well base salaries at peer companies for comparable positions to the NEO.

### Short Term Incentive Plan ("STIP")

Commencing in the year ending December 31, 2013, executives of the Company and superintendents of each operation became eligible to receive annual cash bonuses based on financial and operating targets pre-approved each year by the Board. This form of short-term incentive motivates executives to achieve annual objectives each year that support sustainable delivery of shareholder value in alignment with our corporate values and key success variables.

Employees of the Company including mine site general managers, vice presidents and senior officers or executives of the Company approved by the Board (each a "Participant" and collectively, the "Participants"), are eligible to

participate in the corporate STIP. In addition, General Managers and their direct reports are eligible to participate in a site level STIP, the operational targets for which are aligned with the corporate STIP targets also pre-approved and reviewed by the Board.

The corporate STIP rewards performance based on a scorecard that comprises of corporate objectives making up 90% of total STIP targets and the balance 10% allocated to personal objectives.

In 2021, the STIP was restructured to have a defined target opportunity for achieving target level of performance (i.e., budget), including lower and upper thresholds around such targets and a corresponding sliding scale payout for following corporate objectives.

Metric	Lower Threshold	Target (i.e., Budget)	Upper Threshold
Production	90%	100%	130%
Opex/ Capex	110%	100%	70%
Reserves	50%	100%	200%



The table below sets out actual performance against STIP targets for the year ended December 31, 2021. The Compensation Committee and the Board approved the significant exploration discovery due to the Shepherd Zone drilling at Costerfield and Eastern Zone drilling at Björkdal.

In February 2022, the Board approved a total corporate STIP payout of USD\$1,304,975 on the recommendation of the Compensation Committee.

Metric	Lower Threshold	Target (Budget)	Upper Threshold	Weight	Actual 2021	Obtained
	Production	n, Cost, Fina	ncial			
Deliver at or higher than budget production (Au Eq. oz) (1)	105,753	117,503	152,754	20.0%	123,002	23.1%
Achieve at or under total company budget operational costs (USD '000) - excl. inventory	\$125,786	\$114,351	\$80,046	15.0%	\$116,046	13.9%
Achieve at or under total company budget capital costs (USD '000)	\$57,486	\$52,260	\$36,582	20.0%	\$46,266	27.6%
	R	eserves				
Replace AuEq Depletion in reserves (2)	55,385	110,770	221,540	15.0%	154,770	21.0%
Significant exploration discovery, determined by CCGNC/Board				5.0%		5.0%
		Safety				
Maintain LTIFR below 5 through Dec 2021				15.0%	3.8	15.0%
If any fatalities occur				-15.0%	0	-
Personal Targets / Goals						
3-4 Individual targets or goals to be established with direct supervisor and presented to board in Feb board meeting				10.0%		3.3% – 10%
Total Bonus Available		100%		109.3% - 116%		

#### Notes:

- (1) Gold ounce equivalent production is calculated by multiplying the saleable quantities of gold, and antimony in the period by the respective average market prices of the commodities in the period, adding the three amounts to get a "total contained value based on market price", and then dividing that total contained value by the average market price of gold in the period. Average gold price in the period is the average of the monthly LME PM fix and average antimony price is the average of the monthly high and low Rotterdam warehouse prices all reported in www.metalbulletin.com. The monthly commodity prices are calculated as the average of the daily prices, with holiday and weekend day prices carried forward from the last business day.
- (2) For corporate level Participants includes Reserves added via acquisition.

### Long Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP")

The Company's long-term incentives in the form of equity-based awards serve the Company's executive compensation philosophy by: (i) helping attract, retain, and motivate talent; (ii) aligning the interests of the NEO with total shareholder return by linking a specific portion of the NEO's total pay to share price appreciation; and (iii) providing long-term accountability for NEO. Equity-based awards that are granted to the NEO take into account a number of factors, including the individual's position, scope of responsibility, recent performance and the value of awards in relation to other elements of the executive's total compensation. Grants of equity-based awards to the NEO are reviewed and approved annually by the Compensation Committee and the Board.

On May 20, 2020, the shareholders of the Company approved an Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan (the "Omnibus Plan") which provides flexibility to the Company to grant equity-based incentive awards in the form of stock options, restricted share units ("RSUs"), performance share units ("PSUs") and deferred share units ("DSUs"). The Omnibus Plan replaced the Company's Stock Option Plan and Restricted Share Unit Plan which remain in effect with respect to stock options and restricted share units issued prior to the adoption of the Omnibus Plan, but no further stock options or restricted share units will be issued thereunder.

Starting in 2021, the NEOs of the Company were issued an LTIP mix of 25% stock options, 25% RSUs and 50% PSUs under the Omnibus Plan.

The following table details the key mechanics of stock options, RSUs and PSUs.

Type of LTIP	Term	Vesting Schedule			
Stock Options	7 years	Vest 1/3rd annually from the grant date			
RSUs	3 years	Vest 1/3rd annually from the grant date			
PSUs	3 years	Vest 1/3rd annually from the grant date subject to Mandalay's three-year Total Shareholder Return ("TSR") performance against VanEck Vectors Junior Gold Miners ETF ("GDXJ Index"), on a sliding scale payout of:  a. 0% awarded at TSR below GDXJ Index, b. 50% of target award for TSR at par with GDXJ Index, c. 100% of target award for TSR 10% above GDXJ Index; and d. 200% of target award for TSR 30% above GDXJ Index.			

The following table provides NEO's STIP and LTIP target as a percentage of base salary for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Name and Principal	Base Salary	Target STIP		Target LTIP		Total
Position of NEO	CDN\$	CDN\$	% of Base Salary	CDN\$	% of Base Salary	CDN\$
Dominic Duffy President and Chief Executive Officer	443,975	443,975	100%	710,360	160%	1,598,310
Nick Dwyer Chief Financial Officer	290,000	269,700	93%	356,700	123%	916,400
Chris Davis VP, Operational Geology & Exploration	216,600	186,276	86%	216,600	100%	619,476
Belinda Labatte Former Chief Development Officer	309,400	177,215	57%	171,372	55%	519,810

### **Compensation Related Risk**

In developing the Company's compensation programs, the Compensation Committee evaluates whether the compensation programs encourage excessive risk-taking and whether there are sufficient safeguards in place to manage risks.

Based on an assessment of existing risks within the Company, the Compensation Committee confirmed that there did not appear to be significant risks arising from the Company's executive compensation program that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on Mandalay.

Key risk-mitigating features in the Company's compensation structure include:

### • Annual Review of Compensation Programs

Mandalay conducts an annual review of its compensation strategy, including the pay philosophy and program design in consideration of business requirements, market practice, and appropriate pay governance.

### Corporate and Individual Objectives

The corporate and individual objectives established each year are, prior to approval by the Board, reviewed by the Compensation Committee to ensure they are aligned with the Company's priorities for the year. The objectives are also stress-tested to ensure payouts will be reasonable within the context of performance outcomes. Gold production and cost objectives are linked to further align management's interests with shareholders and prevent inappropriate risk-taking.

# Regular Tracking and Reporting

The Company regularly reviews, tracks and reports potential compensation payouts to the Compensation Committee throughout the year to effectively monitor performance and manage inherent risks.

### • Fixed versus Variable Compensation

A significant portion of target total direct compensation is delivered through variable compensation. This framework provides a strong pay-for-performance link with a competitive "base" level of compensation through salary.

#### • Short-and Long-Term Compensation

Compensation paid to the Company's executive officers is spread between short-term incentives (annual incentive awards) and long-term incentives (RSUs and PSUs) to mitigate the risk of too much emphasis on short-term goals at the expense of long-term sustainable performance.

### • Capped Incentive Plan Payouts

The performance measures contained within the corporate component of the annual performance incentive award have a maximum payout cap.

### • Application of Discretion

The Compensation Committee and the Board retain discretion to adjust individual performance objectives during the year to ensure they remain aligned with the evolving priorities of the Company in light of developments during the year. Discretion may also be exercised to increase or decrease payout levels based on an overall assessment of both the Company's performance. This additional judgment ensures appropriate pay-for-performance alignment and provides flexibility to make reasonable exceptions when necessary.

#### Independent Compensation Advisor

The Compensation Committee has the authority to retain an independent advisor to provide an external perspective of marketplace changes and best practices related to executive compensation design, governance and compensation risk management.

### Clawback Policy

In 2021, the Board adopted a Compensation Clawback Policy ("Clawback Policy") in order to allow the Board to require, in specific situations, the reimbursement of short-term or long-term incentive compensation received by a member of management. If, at any time, either (i) the financial results of the Company are restated, other than a restatement caused by a change in applicable accounting rules or interpretations (the "Restatement"), or (ii) the Company's financial results are found to be materially inaccurate (the "Inaccuracy"), the result of which (in either case) is that any performance-based compensation paid would have been a lower amount had it been calculated based on such restated results, the Company will review and consider the Restatement or Inaccuracy, as applicable, as well as any related performance-based compensation. If the Company determines that (i) any performance-based compensation actually paid or awarded to a member of management would have been lower had it been calculated based on such restated or accurate financial statements, and (ii) such member of management engaged in gross negligence, fraud or intentional misconduct which materially contributed to the Restatement or Inaccuracy, the Company shall recover all or a portion of any bonus or incentive compensation, or cancel all or part of it. Under the Clawback Policy, the Board shall not seek recovery to the extent it determines that (i) to do so would be unreasonable, or (ii) it would be better for the Company not to do so.

#### Financial Instruments

The Company's compensation program prohibits an NEO or a director from purchasing financial instruments, such as prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars or units of exchange funds, that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, by an NEO or director.

In addition to the key risk-mitigating features in Mandalay's compensation structure:

• Enterprise risk management is integrated within the Company's policies and internal controls at both the corporate and mine site level.

- The Board Mandate articulates responsibility for adopting a strategic planning process and the Board's
  approval and review of a strategic plan, on at least an annual basis, which takes into account the
  opportunities and risks of the business.
- The Board is responsible for risk oversight to ensure that the principal risks of the Company are identified and appropriate systems to monitor and manage those risks are implemented.
- Management also has an ongoing role in the development and implementation of policies and procedures
  to mitigate risks across the Company. Material risks, as well as mitigating features, and suggested courses
  of action are regularly identified by management and reported to the Board, including through the various
  committees of the Board.
- Mr. Doyle and Ms. Freedman, both of whom are members of the Compensation Committee, are also members of the Audit Committee and Ms. Galloway is also a member of the Safety, Health & Environmental Committee. These multiple committee memberships assist with the understanding of many of the overlapping considerations, risks and interpretation of issues that are relevant to all of these committees.

The Board and the Compensation Committee believe that the Company's compensation policies and practices are appropriate for its industry and stage of business and that such policies and practices do not have risks associated with them that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company or which would encourage an NEO to take inappropriate or excessive risks.

The Compensation Committee will continue to review the Company's compensation policies, including its compensation-related risk profile, as necessary, to ensure its compensation policies and practices are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company or encourage an NEO to take any inappropriate or excessive risks.

# 2021 Executive Compensation<sup>1</sup>

The following table provides a summary of total compensation earned during each of the 12 month periods ended December 31, 2021, December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively, by the Company's NEOs, being the President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, and each of the most highly compensated executive officers of the Company who was serving as such as at December 31, 2021 and whose total compensation was, individually, more than CDN\$150,000 and each other individual who would have been an Other Executive Officer but for the fact that such individual was neither serving as an executive officer, nor acting in a similar capacity, as at December 31, 2021 for services rendered in all capacities during such period. The Company does not have any pension plan or incentive plans (whether equity or non-equity based) other than the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan (the "Omnibus Plan"), Stock Option Plan, RSU Plan and STIP.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Company reports its financial results in US dollars. However, compensation paid to the NEO is paid in American, Australian or Canadian currency. For the purposes of the "Executive Compensation" section of this Circular, and in accordance with s.1.3(a) of Form 51-102F6, compensation for all three years is reported in Canadian dollars. The exchange rates used for disclosure for fiscal 2019 is US\$1 = CDN\$1.3270, for fiscal 2020 is US\$1 = CDN\$1.3403, AU\$1 = CDN\$0.9255 and AU\$1 = US\$0.6905 and for fiscal 2021 is US\$1 = CDN\$1.2534, AU\$1 = CDN\$0.9419 and AU\$1 = US\$0.7515.

	SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE								
Name and	Year	Salary (1)	Share-	Option	Non-Equity In	centive Plan	Pension	All Other	Total
Principal		CDN\$	Based	Based	Compensat	ion CDN\$	Value	Compensation	Compensation
Position of NEO			Awards (2)	Awards (2)	Short-Term	Long-Term		(4)	CDN\$
			CDN\$	CDN\$	Incentive Plans <sup>(3)</sup>	Incentive Plans			
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Dominic Duffy (5)	2021	443,975	457,873	165,857	492,362	NIL	NIL	4,500	1,564,567
President and	2020	414,000	NIL	174,200	470,013	NIL	NIL	4,500	1,062,713
Chief Executive	2019	414,000	NIL	187,914	377,988	NIL	NIL	4,500	984,402
Officer									
Nick Dwyer	2021	290,000	228,528	82,781	313,440	NIL	NIL	4,500	919,249
Chief Financial	2020	270,000	NIL	87,368	235,007	NIL	NIL	4,500	596,875
Officer	2019	250,000	NIL	83,517	188,994	NIL	NIL	4,500	527,011
Chris Davis (6)	2021	216,660	133,513	48,363	203,552	NIL	NIL	NIL	602,088
Vice President,	2020	189,728	NIL	42,880	160,836	NIL	NIL	NIL	393,444
Operational									
Geology &									
Exploration									
Belinda Labatte	2021	161,642	110,781	40,290	73,305	NIL	NIL	146,308	532,326
(7)	2020	309,400	NIL	58,424	180,770	NIL	NIL	4,500	553,094
<i>Former</i> Chief	2019	309,400	NIL	62,638	151,195	NIL	NIL	4,500	527,733
Development									
Officer									

#### Notes:

- (1) This column discloses the actual compensation earned during the fiscal year indicated.
- (2) The share-based awards set out the value of the RSUs and PSUs granted in its respective year. The option-based awards set out the Black-Scholes value of the options granted in its respective year. The value has been calculated using the same basis as disclosed in the notes to the Company's audited financial statements for the applicable year. The RSUs, PSUs and Stock Options vest 1/3<sup>rd</sup> annually from the grant date, with the PSUs subject to performance criteria set out in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this Circular.
- (3) The 2021 STIP was paid in 2022, the 2020 STIP was paid in 2021 and 2019 STIP was paid in 2020.
- (4) All other compensation includes annual health spending benefits.
- (5) Mr. Duffy was not paid any compensation for his role as a director.
- (6) On February 1, 2020, Mr. Davis transitioned from Chief Geologist to Vice President, Operational Geology & Exploration.
- (7) Ms. Labatte resigned as Chief Development Officer on July 15, 2021. As severance, an aggregate sum of CDN\$618,800, less withholdings and deductions, is being paid as follows: ½ on a regular payroll basis for a 12-month period with the balance to be paid in a lump sum on July 15, 2022. Ms. Labatte also received a pro-rated 2021 STIP of CDN\$73,305 based on the average of her 2018, 2019 and 2020 bonuses. In addition, all of Ms. Labatte's unvested stock options, RSUs and PSUs were accelerated to vest on July 15, 2021, with the PSUs vesting at 100% of the target award amount. Ms. Labatte has until July 15, 2022 to exercise all her equity-based awards.

# Named Executive Officer Outstanding Share-Based Awards and Option-Based Awards

The table below reflects all option-based awards for each NEO outstanding as at December 31, 2021.

Name and Principal Position of NEO	Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options	Option Exercise Price (CDN\$/Security)	Option Expiration Date	Value of Unexercised In- the-Money Options (CDN\$) <sup>(1)</sup>
Dominic Duffy	March 27, 2017	40,000	6.00	June 30, 2024	NIL
President and	April 2, 2018	45,000	2.00	June 30, 2025	13,950
Chief Executive	June 15, 2018	92,500	2.00	June 30, 2025	28,675
Officer	April 8, 2019	180,000	1.10	June 30, 2026	217,800
	March 20, 2020	325,000	0.61	June 30, 2027	552,500
	February 25, 2021	98,798	2.14	June 30, 2028	16,796
Nick Dwyer	March 27, 2017	20,000	6.00	June 30, 2024	NIL
Chief Financial	April 2, 2018	25,000	2.00	June 30, 2025	7,750
Officer	April 8, 2019	80,000	1.10	June 30, 2026	96,800
	March 20, 2020	163,000	0.61	June 30, 2027	277,100
	February 25, 2021	49,311	2.14	June 30, 2028	8,383
Chris Davis	March 20, 2020	80,000	0.61	June 30, 2027	136,000
Vice President,	February 25, 2021	28,809	2.14	June 30, 2028	4,898
Operational					
Geology &					
Exploration					
Belinda Labatte (1)	March 27, 2017	25,000	6.00	June 30, 2024	NIL
<i>Former</i> Chief	April 2, 2018	35,000	2.00	June 30, 2025	10,850
Development					
Officer					

### Notes:

- (1) This column contains the aggregate value of in-the-money unexercised options as at December 31, 2021, calculated based on the difference between the market price of the Common Shares underlying the options as at the close of day on December 31, 2021, being CDN\$2.31, and the exercise price of the options.
- (2) Ms. Labatte resigned as Chief Development Officer on July 15, 2021. All of Ms. Labatte's unvested stock options were accelerated to vest on July 15, 2021, with the PSUs vesting at 100% of the target award amount. Ms. Labatte has until July 15, 2022 to exercise all her equity-based awards.

The table below reflects all share-based awards for each NEO outstanding as at December 31, 2021.

Name and Principal Position of NEO	Grant Date	Number of shares or units of shares that have not vested (#)		Market or payout value of share-based awards that have not vested (CDN\$) (1)		
		RSU	PSU	RSU	PSU	
Dominic Duffy President and Chief Executive Officer	February 25, 2021	82,663	165,326	191,778	383,556	
Nick Dwyer Chief Financial Officer	February 25, 2021	41,258	82,515	95,719	191,435	
Chris Davis Vice President, Operational Geology & Exploration	February 25, 2021	24,104	48,208	55,921	111,843	
Belinda Labatte <sup>(2)</sup> Former Chief Development Officer	February 25, 2021	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	

#### Notes:

- (1) This column contains the aggregate value of the unvested RSUs and PSUs as at December 31, 2021 calculated based on the volume weighted average closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the five business days prior to December 31, 2021 of CDN\$2.32.
- (2) Ms. Labatte resigned as Chief Development Officer on July 15, 2021. All of Ms. Labatte's unvested RSUs and PSUs were accelerated to vest on July 15, 2021, with the PSUs vesting at 100% of the target award amount.

#### Value Vested or Earned During the Year

The following table sets out, for each NEO: (a) the aggregate dollar value that was realized for RSUs that vested in 2021; (b) the aggregate dollar value that would have been realized if all Options which vested during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 had been exercised on their respective vesting dates; and (c) the value of the non-equity incentive plan compensation earned during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

Name and Principal Position of NEO	Option-Based Awards – Value Vested During Year Ended December 31, 2021 (CDN\$) (1)	Share-Based Awards – Value Vested During Year Ended December 31, 2021 (CDN\$) (2)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation – Value Earned During Year Ended December 31, 2021 (CDN\$) (3)
Dominic Duffy	254,117	NIL	492,362
President and Chief Executive Officer			
Nick Dwyer	102,970	NIL	313,440
Chief Financial Officer			
Chris Davis	37,867	NIL	203,552
Vice President, Operational Geology &			
Exploration			
Belinda Labatte	309,890	183,600	73,305
<u>Former</u> Chief Development Officer			

### Notes:

- (1) This column contains the aggregate value of the Options vested during year ended December 31, 2021, calculated based on the difference between the market price of the Common Shares underlying the options as on the vesting date and the exercise price of the options.
- (2) This column contains the aggregate value of the RSUs and PSUs vested during year ended December 31, 2021, calculated based on the market price of the Common Shares underlying the RSUs and PSUs as on the vesting date.
- (3) The non-equity incentive plan compensation amounts set out in this column represent STIP payouts received in 2022 based on 2021 performance.

For a description of the material terms of the Stock Option Plan, please refer to "Renewal of the Company's Stock Option Plan – Summary of the Stock Option Plan" in the Company's management information circular dated April 11, 2017. For a description of the RSU Plan, please refer to "Ratification of the Company's Restricted Share Unit Plan – Description of the RSU Plan" in the Company's management information circular dated April 11, 2017. For a description of the material terms of the non-equity incentive plan compensation, see "Compensation Discussion and Analysis – Annual Bonuses" in this Circular.

### **Management Contracts and Termination**

Each Named Executive Officer provides services to the Company under an employment agreement with the Company (the "Executive Employment Agreements"). Under the terms of each Executive Employment Agreement, a Named Executive Officer is entitled to:

- (a) an annual base salary that is reviewed annually by the Board;
- (b) the potential to earn annual cash incentive awards, as determined by the Board;
- (c) participation in the Company's equity compensation plans;
- (d) participation in the Company's benefit plans; and
- (e) vacation of 5 weeks.

Each Executive Employment Agreement is for an indefinite term which continues unless it is terminated in accordance with its provisions by the Company or by the Named Executive Officer.

If an Executive Employment Agreement is terminated by the Company for cause or by the NEO on 30 days' notice, the NEO will be entitled to: (i) accrued and unpaid base salary; and (ii) accrued and unused vacation.

If an Executive Employment Agreement is terminated by the Company for any other reason or by the NEO for Good Reason, the NEO will be entitled to: (i) accrued and unpaid base salary; (ii) accrued and unused vacation; (iii) the amount of the annual incentive award for the prior year to the extent earned and unpaid at the date of termination; (iv) compensation in lieu of notice equal to the aggregate of twenty-four months' of the NEO's base salary plus an amount equal to two times the amount of the NEO's target annual incentive award in respect of the then current fiscal year. In addition, all unvested equity-based awards held by the Executive as of the date of termination shall automatically vest and become exercisable.

The potential payments to each NEO in the event the NEO's employment is terminated by the Company without cause or by the NEO for Good Reason (all of which are in addition to benefits generally available to employees upon termination of employment such as payment of accrued and unused vacation), are set out in the following table. The amounts in the following table assume that the effective date of termination was December 31, 2021. The closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on December 31, 2021 was CDN\$2.31.

Name and Principal Position of NEO	Base (CDN\$)	STIP (CDN\$)	LTIP <sup>(1)</sup> (CDN\$)			Total (CDN\$)
			Options	RSUs	PSUs	
Dominic Duffy President and Chief Executive Officer	887,950	887,950	829,721	191,778	383,556	3,180,966
Nick Dwyer Chief Financial Officer	580,000	539,400	390,033	95,719	191,435	1,796,587
Chris Davis Vice President, Operational Geology & Exploration	433,274	372,552	140,898	55,921	111,843	1,114,488

<sup>(1)</sup> The value of outstanding unvested stock options, RSUs and PSUs as at December 31, 2021 which would vest. This amount reflects the aggregate dollar value that would have been realized if the stock options, RSUs and PSUs which vested on December 31, 2021 as a result of the termination of employment were exercised on December 31, 2021, which value is based on the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on December 31, 2021 of CDN\$2.31 or, for RSUs and PSUs, the volume weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the five business days prior to December 31, 2021 of CDN\$2.32.

The actual payments made to each NEO in connection with their departure prior to the date of this Circular are set out in the following table.

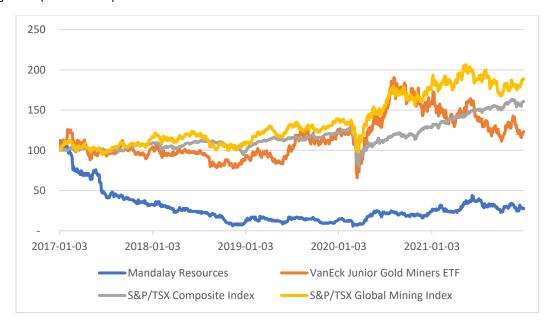
Name and Principal Position	Base STIP		LTIP (2)			
of NEO <sup>(1)</sup>	(CDN\$)	(CDN\$)	Options	RSUs	PSUs	
Belinda Labatte <u>Former</u> Chief Development Officer	618,800	73,305	466,358	67,200	134,400	

#### Notes:

- (1) Ms. Labatte resigned as Chief Development Officer on July 15, 2021. As severance, an aggregate sum of CDN\$618,800, less withholdings and deductions, is being paid as follows: ½ on a regular payroll basis for a 12-month period with the balance to be paid in a lump sum on July 15, 2022. Ms. Labatte also received a pro-rated 2021 STIP of CDN\$73,305 based on the average of her 2018, 2019 and 2020 bonuses. In addition, all of Ms. Labatte's unvested stock options, RSUs and PSUs were accelerated to vest on July 15, 2021, with the PSUs vesting at 100% of the target award amount. Ms. Labatte has until July 15, 2022 to exercise all her equity-based awards.
- (2) The aggregate value of stock options, RSUs and PSUs that were accelerated vested on July 15, 2021. This amount reflects the aggregate dollar value that would have been realized if the stock options, RSUs and PSUs which vested on July 15, 2021 as a result of the termination of employment were exercised on July 15, 2021, which value is based on the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on July 15, 2021 of CDN\$3.36 or, for RSUs and PSUs, the volume weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the five business days prior to July 15, 2021 of CDN\$3.53.

# **Performance Graph**

The graph below compares the Company's cumulative total shareholder return, including dividends, (assuming an investment of CDN\$100 on December 31, 2016) on its Common Shares during the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2021, with the VanEck Junior Gold Miners ETF (GDXJ), S&P/TSX Composite Index and S&P/TSX Global Mining Index (Total Return):



As discussed in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this Circular, compensation for the NEOs consists of different elements. These include elements that do not directly correlate to the market price of the Company's common shares such as the base salary and the STIP. However, LTIP aligns the interests of the NEOs with TSR by linking a specific portion of the NEO's total pay to share price appreciation.

# **Compensation of Directors**

Directors are compensated for their services as directors through a combination of (a) an annual cash retainer and (b) an annual long-term equity grant.

Mr. Duffy, being the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, did not receive any compensation for being a director of the Company in 2021. See "Report on Executive Compensation" for information on the compensation paid to Mr. Duffy in his capacity as President and Chief Executive Officer.

### **Annual Cash Retainers**

In 2021, the annual retainers paid to the Company's directors are shown in the chart below.

	Director Fees For Year-ended December 31, 2021 (CDN\$) (1)
Board Member Fee	50,000
Board of Directors Chair Fee	10,000
Audit Committee Chair Fee	10,000
Compensation, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee Chair Fee	10,000
Safety, Health and Environmental Committee Chair Fee	10,000
Committee Member Fee	5,000

Directors are also reimbursed for travel and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with attending meetings and otherwise carrying out their duties as directors of the Company.

Prior to February 1, 2022, Mr. Mills received a monthly fee of USD\$15,000 as an independent contractor to the Company. In 2022, Mr. Mills will receive an annual Board Chair fee of USD\$150,000 plus any committee fee and annual equity award in DSUs similar to other directors.

#### **Annual Equity Awards**

The Company provides long-term incentives to the non-executive directors in the form of DSUs pursuant to its Omnibus Plan. The Board believes that DSUs (i) align the interests of the non-executive directors with shareholders of the Company, (ii) reward non-executive directors of the Company for their sustained contributions to the Company, and (iii) assist in attracting, retaining and motivating non-executive directors to the Company. DSUs that are granted to the non-executive directors take into account a number of factors, including the amount and term of DSUs previously granted. Grants of DSUs are reviewed by the Compensation Committee annually. The DSUs vest 100% immediately on the grant date. Prior to 2021, the non-executive directors received RSUs instead of DSUs.

For 2021, each director received an annual equity award of CDN\$50,000 in DSUs.

DSUs are a bookkeeping entry, with each DSU having the same value as a Common Share. The number of DSUs awarded is determined by dividing the value of the total DSU award to be granted by the volume weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the five (5) business days prior to the date of grant. DSUs vest immediately upon grant but must be retained until the director leaves the Board, at which time the director will receive Common Shares or a cash payment equal to the then fair market value of the DSUs. The fair market value of each DSU on the payment date is equal to the volume weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the five (5) business days prior to the payment date.

#### **Director Summary Compensation Table**

The table below sets out the compensation paid to each director of the Company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

Director	Fees Earned (CDN\$)	Option-Based Awards (CDN\$)	Share-Based Awards (CDN\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (CDN\$)	All Other Compensation (CDN\$)	Total (CDN\$)
Bradford A. Mills (1)	70,000	NIL	50,000	NIL	225,606	345,606
Abraham Jonker	55,000	NIL	50,000	NIL	NIL	105,000
Amy Freedman	62,500	NIL	50,000	NIL	NIL	112,500
Julie Galloway (2)	36,028	NIL	30,137	NIL	NIL	66,165
Robert Doyle	65,000	NIL	50,000	NIL	NIL	115,000
Terrell Ackerman	55,000	NIL	50,000	NIL	NIL	105,000
Peter Jones (3)	27,661	NIL	50,000	NIL	NIL	77,661

#### Notes:

- For 2021, Mr. Mills received a monthly fee of US\$15,000 as an independent contractor to the Company. The exchange rate used for disclosure is CDN\$1 = USD\$0.79785.
- (2) Ms. Galloway was appointed as a director on May 26, 2021.
- (3) Mr. Jones served as a director until May 26, 2021.

# **Outstanding Share-Based Awards and Option-Based Awards**

The following table sets out, for each director, all previously granted awards that were outstanding as at December 31, 2021.

	Option-Based Awards			Share-Based Awards			
Director	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Option Exercise Price (CDN\$)	Option Expiration Date	Value of Unexercised In-The-Money Options (CAD\$)	Number of Shares or Units of Shares that have not vested (#)	Market or Payout Value of Share- Based Awards that have not vested (CDN\$)	Market or Payout Value of Share- Based Awards that have vested but have not been paid out or distributed (CDN\$) (1)
Bradford A. Mills	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	54,206
Abraham Jonker	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	54,206
Amy Freedman	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	54,206
Julie Galloway	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	23,110
Robert Doyle	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	54,206
Terrell Ackerman	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	54,206
Peter Jones <sup>(2)</sup>	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	54,206

#### Notes:

# Value Vested or Earned During the Year

The table below sets out, for each director, the aggregate dollar value that would have been realized if all Options which vested during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 had been exercised on their respective vesting dates and if all RSUs and DSUs which vested during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 had been paid out on their respective vesting dates.

Director	Option-Based Awards – Value Vested in 2021 (CDN\$)	RSU-Based Awards – Value Vested in 2021 (CDN\$) (1)	DSU-Based Awards – Value Vested in 2021 (CDN\$) (1)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation – Value Earned in 2021 (CDN\$)
Bradford A. Mills <sup>(2)</sup>	Nil	55,464	50,000	NIL
Abraham Jonker	Nil	114,317	50,000	NIL
Amy Freedman	Nil	114,317	50,000	NIL
Julie Galloway	Nil	NIL	30,137	NIL
Robert Doyle	Nil	114,317	50,000	NIL
Terrell Ackerman	Nil	84,167	50,000	NIL

Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup> The payout value of vested share-based awards was calculated using the volume weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the five (5) business days prior to December 31, 2021 of CDN\$2.32.

<sup>(2)</sup> Mr. Jones served as a director until May 26, 2021. His DSUs were converted to shares on March 22, 2022.

- (1) The aggregate dollar value is equal to the volume weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the five business days prior to the date of grant.
- (2) Mr. Mills was granted 400,000 stock options in May 2017 and a monthly fee of US\$15,000 for his role as an independent contractor to the Company. All of Mr. Mills' options and RSUs were cancelled on March 21, 2019 in connection with CE Mining's participation in the financing transaction that was completed on February 20, 2019.

# REPORT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

Corporate governance relates to the activities of the Board, the members of which are elected by and are accountable to the Shareholders, and takes into account the role of the individual members of management who are appointed by the Board and who are charged with the day-to-day management of the Company. National Policy 58-201 - *Corporate Governance Guidelines* ("NP 58-201") establishes corporate governance guidelines which apply to all public companies. These guidelines are not intended to be prescriptive but may be used by issuers in developing their own corporate governance practices.

Pursuant to National Instrument 58-101 – *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* ("**NI 58-201**"), the Company has summarized its corporate governance practices below. The Board recognizes that the Company's corporate governance policies, procedures and practices cannot be static and that further refinements may be necessary as applicable legal and regulatory requirements and the Company's circumstances evolve. The Board will continue to monitor the Company's corporate governance policies, procedures and practices on an ongoing basis and, when necessary, implement such additional practices as it deems appropriate.

# **Living Our Values**

Mandalay's mission is to build a long-lived, values-based and value-focused organization that is founded on safe and efficient work practices, continuous improvement, fiscal responsibility, and effective community relationships. Mandalay believes in Living Our Values and balancing outcomes and processes.

- SAFETY Safety is paramount in all our decisions and actions, we proactively protect people and property.
- INTEGRITY We are our word; we honor our commitments, we abide by applicable laws and live by high
  ethical standards.
- RESPONSIBILITY We are responsible for our actions and their consequences, we operate with social and environmental responsibility and promote sustainable development.
- EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE & INNOVATION We encourage excellence in everything we do, we create an environment where ideas and innovative methods to improve our processes and results are encouraged.
- VALUE CREATION We aim to seek and seize every opportunity to create more value with our resources.
- AGILITY We continuously seek out new opportunities and rapidly respond to new challenges.

#### **Board of Directors**

The Board is currently comprised of seven directors: Bradford A. Mills, Abraham Jonker, Amy Freedman, Dominic Duffy, Julie Galloway, Robert Doyle and Terrell Ackerman. All existing directors are proposed to be nominated as directors at the Meeting. The Charter of the Board is set out in Schedule A hereto and can be viewed on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.mandalayresources.com">www.mandalayresources.com</a>.

NP 58-201 suggests that the board of directors of every listed company should be constituted with a majority of individuals who qualify as independent directors, within the meaning set out under National Instrument 52-110 - *Audit Committees* ("NI 52-110"), which provides that a director is independent if he or she has no direct or indirect "material relationship" with the company. "Material relationship" is defined as a relationship which could, in the view of a company's board of directors, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a director's independent judgment.

## Independence

The majority of the directors of the Board are independent, except Bradford Mills, Terrell Ackerman and Dominic Duffy. Mr. Mills is not considered independent because he received consulting fees from the Company until 2022. Mr. Ackerman is not considered independent because he was appointed to the Board on June 18, 2019 as a nominee of CE Mining Fund III L.P. ("CE Mining"), an investment fund advised by Plinian Capital LLP, which is controlled by Bradford Mills, Chairman of the Board. Mr. Duffy is not considered independent because he is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The remaining directors are considered to be independent directors since they are all independent of management and free from any material relationship with the Company. The basis for this determination is that, since the beginning of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, none of the independent directors have worked for the Company, received remuneration from the Company (other than in their capacity as directors) or had material contracts with or material interests in the Company which could interfere with their ability to act with a view to the best interests of the Company.

The Chair of the Board, Bradford Mills, is not an independent director. Accordingly, the Board has appointed Abraham Jonker as lead independent director (the "Lead Director"). The role of the Lead Director includes, among other things, (i) organizing and presiding over *in camera* or other meetings of the independent directors and taking the lead in establishing the agenda for such meetings, and (ii) serving as the principal liaison between the independent directors and the Chair on matters where the Chair may be conflicted.

The Lead Director meets with all the non-executive directors of the Company for "in-camera" sessions scheduled after every meeting of the Board. The executive directors and members of management are not in attendance for these in-camera sessions.

## **Board and Committee Meetings and Attendance**

The chart below sets out details regarding attendance of the directors at the Board and committee meetings during 2021. In addition to the quarterly Board meetings the Board also conducted monthly update Board meetings during the year.

	Board	Audit Committee	Compensation, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee	Safety, Health, Environmental and Community Committee	т	otal
Director Name	Meetings Attended	Meetings Attended	Meetings Attended	Meetings Attended	Meetings Attended	Overall % Attendance
Bradford A. Mills	12/12	-	-	3/3	15/15	100%
Abraham Jonker	12/12	4/4	-	-	16/16	100%
Amy Freedman	12/12	4/4	4/4	-	20/20	100%
Dominic Duffy	12/12	-	-	-	12/12	100%
Julie Galloway	12/12	-	2/2	2/2	16/16	100%
Robert Doyle	12/12	4/4	4/4	-	20/20	100%
Terry Ackerman	12/12	-	-	3/3	15/15	100%

## Skills and Experience

The following matrix sets out the skills and expertise that the Board considers important in fulfilling its oversight role in respect of the Company and the specific skills and expertise of each director nominee. It reflects the current strengths of the Board as a whole following an exercise with the Board to review and determine the strengths and weaknesses of the Board.

The Board has satisfied itself that the skills and expertise needed for oversight of the Company's strategic design and other processes are represented in the skills matrix and in the search for a new director, candidates will be reviewed in the context of the required skills to provide effective oversight. The specific skills and expertise are categorized into the following four areas, which align with the Company's strategy and long term vision: (i) strategic design; (ii) operational processes; (iii) stakeholder engagement; and (iv) scalability and infrastructure.

The matrix is reviewed at least once annually to (i) identify and evaluate the competencies and skills of its members based on the individual experience and background of each director and (ii) identify areas for strengthening the Board, if any, which will be addressed through the recruitment of new members. In assessing future Board candidates, in addition to the skills and expertise highlighted in the matrix, diversity is equally important.

	Abraham Jonker	Amy Freedman	Bradford A. Mills	Dominic Duffy	Julie Gallowav	Robert Doyle	Terrell Ackerman
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Mining Industry Global Strategic Planning	<b>√</b>		✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
Safety Program Development & Public and Industrial Health			✓	<b>√</b>			<b>✓</b>
Risk Management		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Capital Markets and Finance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
,	Ope	rational Process	es			1	
Geology and Exploration			✓	✓			✓
Mining and Production Planning & Marketing	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>
Metallurgy			✓	✓			✓
	Stake	holder Engagem	ent				
Local Community Relations and Environmental Management	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>~</b>			<b>√</b>
Corporate Communications	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Employee Engagement, Diversity, Planning & Compensation Strategy		<b>~</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	
Labour relations	✓		✓	✓			✓
International & Local Government & NGO engagement	<b>✓</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>			<b>√</b>
	Scalabil	ity and Infrastru	cture				
IT Management and Security						✓	
Global M&A Due Diligence, Execution and	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓
Integration							
Accounting	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Legal, Ethics and Governance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Statistics	T				
Time Served as Director	11y 9m	5y 11m	12y 7m	4y	11m	11y 9m	2y 9m
Gender	M	F	M	M	F	M	M
Highest position of Responsibility reached	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	SVP	CEO	CEO Interim
Principal Occupation	Corporate Director	Partner, Ewing Morris & Co.	Founder of Plinian Capital	President & CEO of Mandalay	Corporate Legal Counsel	Corporate Director	Corporate Director
Education	M. Comm.	MBA LLB	MS Geology	B.Eng.	Hons BA, LLB	Honors BA	BS Mining Engr.
Public Boards Served on (Including Mandalay)	2	2	2	1	1	1	2
Independent Director	✓	✓			✓	✓	
	G	lobal Exposure					
Languages Spoken	English & Afrikaans	English	English, Spanish	English, Spanish	English	English	English
Countries resided in continuously for more than one year	Canada, South Africa & UK	Canada & US	Australia, Chile, UK, South Africa	Australia, Chile & Canada	Canada	Canada	US

	Abraham	Amy	Bradford A.	Dominic	Julie	Robert	Terrell
	Jonker	Freedman	Mills	Duffy	Galloway	Doyle	Ackerman
Countries within which have been	Australia,	-	Australia,	Australia,	Canada	Canada,	US
responsible for P&L	Canada,		Chile, Peru,	Canada,		Chile,	
	South Africa,		South Africa,	Chile &		Colombia	
	UK & US		Sweden	Sweden		&	
						Venezuela	

# **Diversity**

The Company has adopted a policy regarding diversity on the Board (the "Diversity Policy"). The purpose of the Diversity Policy is to to set forth the Company's approach to achieving and maintaining diversity on its Board, with a specific emphasis on gender diversity. The Compensation Committee is responsible for identifying and recommending to the Board individuals qualified to become members of the Board. The Company recognizes the importance of diversity and the potential for diversity in the composition of the Board to advance the best interests of the Company. In this context, diversity may encompass a variety of dimensions (including, among other things, diversity in business and other professional expertise and experience, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation, geographic background, race and ethnicity), the relative importance of which may change from time to time.

# **Board of Directors**

Mandalay currently has two female directors on the Board. The Board achieved its goal of having a board composition in which females comprised at least 25% by 2021. The Board has not adopted an increased target for the representation of females on the Board at this time due to the size of the Board and the need to consider a host of criteria for each individual nominee. However, in the event the Board determines that nominating a new director would be in the best interests of the Company, it will identify qualified candidates who are best able to meet the needs of the Company and will take into consideration the value of further diversity on the Board.

## **Executive Officers**

Mandalay currently does not have any female executive officers.

Mandalay considers a range of factors, including gender, in making executive officer appointments and takes a non-exclusionary and inclusive approach to executive searches. There is no policy in place to provide additional consideration to women in executive officer positions and the Company does not intend to implement such a policy or to adopt a specific target for female representation among its executive officers.

At the same time, the Board acknowledges the importance of diversity, including gender diversity, among its executive officers and, furthermore, the compelling reasons and rationale to support initiatives that remove obstacles or roadblocks from women advancing in the mining industry across all stages of their career.

Mandalay intends to address women's representation in executive officer positions by continuing to encourage a work environment where merit, experience, opportunity and diversity of thought is encouraged. Furthermore, Mandalay believes that particular attention ought to be given to encouraging female representation within the mining industry as a whole.

# **Term Limits**

The Company does not impose term limits on its directors, as it takes the view that term limits are an arbitrary mechanism for removing directors that can result in valuable, experienced directors being forced to leave the Board solely because of length of service. Instead, Board renewal is considered annually, as part of the annual director self-assessment process and subsequent review and assessment of the Board's skills and expertise required for oversight. The directors assess, on an annual basis, the skills and expertise required of the Board to provide effective oversight based on the overall composition of the Board. As at the date of this Circular, the Nominees' average tenure of Board membership is approximately 7 years.

# **Other Reporting Issuer Directorships**

The following table provides details regarding directors of the Company who are currently serving as directors of other reporting issuers or the equivalent in other jurisdictions:

Name of Director	Name of Other Reporting Issuer	Term of Directorship
Bradford Mills	Director – Rambler Metals & Mining PLC	Since June 2016
Abraham Jonker	Director – CoTec Holdings Corp.	Since July 2011
Amy Freedman	Director – Park Lawn Corporation	Since June 2020
Terrell Ackerman	Director – Rambler Metals & Mining PLC	Since June 2016

# **Position Descriptions**

The Board has adopted specific position descriptions for the Executive Chair of the Board, the Lead Director and each of the Committees of the Board and for the executive officers of the Company. These position descriptions are reviewed by the Board and respective committees on an annual basis.

Copies of these position descriptions can be accessed on the Company's website at www.mandalayresources.com.

# **Orientation and Continuing Education**

The Company has an orientation program in place that includes:

- written information about duties and responsibilities of directors in the form of a Board charter;
- presentations on business and operations of the Company;
- documents from recent Board meetings;
- recent filings and financial information;
- governance documents including policies and charters; and
- opportunities for meetings and discussion with senior management and other directors.

The Company established a formal continuing education program for its directors in 2012. The program seeks to ensure that the directors are informed about issues affecting the Company's business, the industry and governance and other related issues. The program includes, on an ongoing basis:

- presentations by senior management on matters such as safety, operations, explorations and business development;
- presentations by external advisors and experts on matters such as corporate governance developments;
- site visits annually or every two years.

# **Risk Oversight**

Risk is a combination of external and internal factors that constantly change and evolve. The current risk management approach is designed to create visibility on the key material risks at the sites that could adversely impact the Company and prevent it from achieving its key operational and strategic priorities.

The General Manager of each property is responsible for identification and mitigation of their risks and have identified team leaders to manage and update risks on a quarterly basis. The CEO and CFO are responsible for corporate risk identification and mitigation and to ensure all site level risks are identified and managed and communicated to the Board. The Board is responsible for risk oversight and requiring that the CEO and senior

executives prioritize risk management so that management policies and procedures around risk are consistent with the Company's strategy and risk appetite. Annually the Company updates all material risks with a bottom up and top-down approach, and risks pertaining to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic have been identified, and mitigating actions are in place.

For more disclosure regarding the Company's risks related to carbon emissions, energy, and water management and other ESG initiatives please refer to Mandalay's ESG report, <u>found here</u>.

## **Ethical Business Conduct**

The Company has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the "Code") to assist all Company personnel in making ethical decisions regarding the Company's affairs. The Code can be accessed under the Company's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and on the Company's website at <a href="www.mandalayresources.com">www.mandalayresources.com</a>. The Code addresses such matters as compliance with laws, conflicts of interest, confidential information, protection and proper use of Company assets, fair dealings, rules and regulations, workplace conduct and reporting of illegal and unethical behaviour. Annual certification is required by each director, officer and employee of the Company acknowledging compliance with the Code.

In addition, the Company adopted a Whistleblower Policy in December 2015. The policy governs the process through which the Company's employees, suppliers, customers and community members or government at all jurisdictions of operations and projects, can anonymously and confidentially report any potential violation or concern contrary to the Company's policies or local laws or regulations. Mandalay has retained the services of Whistle-Blower Security, an independent service provider to receive reports on an anonymous and confidential basis. The whistleblower policy can be accessed on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.mandalayresources.com">www.mandalayresources.com</a>.

Company personnel are encouraged to talk to supervisors, managers, or other appropriate personnel about observed illegal or unethical behaviour and, when in doubt, about the best course of action in a particular situation. The Company's policy is to prohibit retaliation for reports of misconduct by others made in good faith. Senior management of the Company is responsible for monitoring compliance with the Code and the Compensation, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee (as such committee relates to governance matters, the "Governance Committee") is responsible for overall oversight. In particular, the Governance Committee is responsible for reviewing senior management's monitoring of compliance with the Code and granting any waivers from the application of the Code. No waivers have been granted since the adoption of the Code. At least annually, the Governance Committee reviews the adequacy of the Code and recommends any proposed changes to the Code to the Board for approval.

# **Nomination of Directors**

The Board has established a Compensation, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee (as such committee relates to nominating matters, the "Nomination Committee") composed entirely of independent directors to assist the Board in discharging its mandate with respect to the identification and nomination of directors. The role of the Nomination Committee is to, among other things:

- develop and recommend to the Board criteria for selecting new directors;
- assist the Board by identifying qualified individuals to become members of the Board;
- recommend to the Board the director nominees for the next annual meeting of shareholders and for each committee of the Board, the chair of each committee;
- develop and recommend to the Board procedures for the conduct of Board meetings and the proper discharge of the Board's mandate; and
- oversee the annual review of performance by the Board, its committees and the individual directors and assess the charters of the Board and its committees.

The responsibilities of the Nominating Committee in this regard include, among other things, the following:

- review the competencies, skills and personal qualities required of directors on an annual basis;
- oversee orientation and education for new directors;
- actively seek individuals qualified to become Board members;
- review and recommend membership and allocation of directors to committees;
- establish procedures for receipt of comments from all directors to be included in assessments of the Board's performance; and
- if necessary, approve the engagement of independent advisors.

The Nomination Committee does not have a formal process for identifying new candidates for Board nominations. In assessing a potential nominee, the Nomination Committee considers the Board's skills matrix and whether there are any areas for improvement, and the professional experience, education, skills, and viewpoints of the nominee and how those factors would contribute to expanding the collective knowledge and experience of the Board. The Nomination Committee considers that, while nominees should present a good fit with the existing Board in terms of their ability to work together to create shareholder value in a constructive way, diversity in opinion and gender diversity will contribute to the overall success of the Board and the Company as a whole. The Nomination Committee also consults with the CEO prior to making its recommendations to the Board.

# Compensation

The Compensation Committee, which is discussed in detail above, is comprised entirely of independent directors. The Compensation Committee conducts reviews with respect to directors' compensation once a year. To make its recommendation on directors' compensation, the Compensation Committee considers the types of compensation and the amounts paid to directors of comparable publicly traded Canadian companies.

## **Board Committees**

In addition to the Audit Committee (described in this Circular under "Audit Committee Information") and the Compensation, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, the Board also has a Safety, Health, Environmental and Community Committee (the "Safety Committee"). The purpose of the Safety Committee is to assist the Board in management of Company policies, programs and systems relating to environmental, health and safety issues. The Safety Committee works with management to develop appropriate safety, health and environmental performance and metrics. The responsibilities of the Safety Committee include, among other things, the following:

- reviewing with senior management the Company's goals and policies in respect of the environment and health and safety of employees and the community and providing oversight on the development and implementation of management systems relating to environmental, health and safety matters;
- ensuring that senior management has implemented an environmental and health and safety compliance
  audit program, which should provide an indication of the Company's risk exposures, steps taken to monitor
  and control such exposures, the effect of relevant regulatory initiatives and trends and material claims, and
  request from senior management, periodic status reports on such program and provide feedback on
  necessary improvements to the program; and
- receiving environmental, health and safety reports from management that include any environmental, health and safety issues of a material nature, including details of incidents reports.

#### **Assessments**

Annually, under the supervision of the Chair of the Compensation, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, the directors conduct a formal evaluation of the performance, effectiveness, skills, and expertise of the Board. Board renewal is also considered. Likewise, the members of each committee of the Board conduct a formal evaluation of the committees of the Board with which they are involved. As part of the evaluation process, each director completes questionnaires which require the director to assess the performance of the Board or the applicable committee. The questionnaires require input on the role, responsibilities and effectiveness of the Board/applicable committee(s), membership, conduct of meetings, performance of the Chair, and any improvements that could be made to enhance effectiveness. The questionnaire in respect of the Board includes a self-evaluation. The results of the evaluations are reviewed by the Compensation, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and reported to the Board.

The Board monitors the adequacy of information given to directors, communication between the Board and management and the strategic direction and processes of the Board and its committees.

# **AUDIT COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

Pursuant to applicable laws, the Company is required to have an audit committee comprised of not less than three directors, all of whom must be independent and financially literate. The Audit Committee is responsible for the Company's financial reporting process and the quality of its financial reporting. In addition to its other duties, the Audit Committee reviews all financial statements, annual and interim, intended for circulation among Shareholders and reports its findings to the Board. In addition, the Board may refer to the Audit Committee other matters and questions relating to the Company's financial position. In performing its duties, the Audit Committee maintains effective working relationships with the Board, management and the external auditors and monitors the independence of those auditors.

### **Audit Committee's Charter**

The Audit Committee's Charter can be accessed under the Company's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and on the Company's website at www.mandalayresources.com.

# **Composition of the Audit Committee**

The following directors are members of the Audit Committee:

Abraham Jonker	Independent	Financially literate (1)
Amy Freedman	Independent	Financially literate <sup>(1)</sup>
Robert Doyle	Independent	Financially literate <sup>(1)</sup>

## Notes:

(1) As defined by NI 52-110, an individual is financially literate if he or she has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.

# **Relevant Education and Experience**

## Abraham Jonker - Director

Mr. Jonker is a registered Chartered Accountant in British Columbia, (Canada), England and Wales as well as South Africa. He is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants in the United Kingdom and holds a Masters degree in South African and International Tax from the Rand Afrikaans University. Mr. Jonker has almost 30 years of extensive management, accounting, and corporate finance experience across five continents, mostly in the mining industry. Mr. Jonker currently serves as the Lead Independent Director of the Mandalay Board. Previously

he was the Chief Financial Officer Nevada Copper Corp and Western Coal Corp at the time of its take-over by Walter Energy for \$3.3 billion. During his career Mr. Jonker has played a pivotal role in several business recoveries, has been a key team member at management level in the strategic growth of several public companies, has raised and overseen the raising of more than \$750 million in the form of equity and debt instruments and has been involved in corporate transactions aggregating several billion dollars.

# Amy Freedman – Director

Ms. Freedman is currently a Partner at Ewing Morris and Co., a boutique asset management firm based in Toronto and is a director of Park Lawn Corp. Previously, Ms. Freedman was the CEO of Kingsdale Advisors, a leading shareholder services and advisory firm specializing in strategic and defensive advisory, governance advisory, proxy and voting analytics and investor communication. Prior to Kingsdale Ms. Freedman spent 15 years in capital markets as an investment banker with global firms including Stifel and Morgan Stanley in both Toronto and New York. Ms. Freedman holds an MBA and JD from the University of Toronto.

## Robert Doyle - Director

Mr. Doyle has over 40 years of experience in all facets of international resource exploration, development and production. Mr. Doyle served as a director of Golden Star Resources Ltd until March 2021. He was Chief Executive Officer of Medoro Resources Limited until October 2009 and was Executive Vice President prior to that. Previously, Mr. Doyle was Chief Financial Officer of a number of companies including Pacific Stratus Energy Corp., Coalcorp Mining Inc., Bolivar Gold Corp. and HMZ Metals Inc., Lac Minerals and Falconbridge Limited. In addition, he was previously a gold market analyst at RBC Capital Markets and Credit Suisse First Boston. Mr. Doyle holds CPA, CA and C.Dir designations and graduated with an HBA in Business Administration from the Ivey School of Business, University of Western Ontario.

# **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

The Audit Committee is authorized by the Board to review the performance of the Company's external auditors and pre-approve the provision of services other than auditing and to consider the independence of the external auditors, including reviewing the range of services provided in the context of all consulting services bought by the Company. The Audit Committee is authorized to approve any non-audit services or additional work which the Chair of the Audit Committee deems as necessary, and the Chair of the Audit Committee will notify the other members of the Audit Committee of such non-audit or additional work.

## **External Audit Service Fees**

The following table sets forth fees paid by the Company to E&Y for all services in the fiscal years ended December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020. E&Y was appointed as auditor of the Company on June 10, 2014.

	Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021 (CDN\$)	Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2010 (CDN\$)
Audit Fees	623,000	611,000
Audit-related Fees	-	-
Tax Fees	119,900	136,000
All Other Fees	-	-
Total	742,900	747,000

# Notes:

- (1) "Audit Fees" include assurance and services related to the performance of the audit or review of financial statements.
- (2) "Tax Fees" include tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.

# **OTHER INFORMATION**

# **Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The table below provides information with respect to compensation plans under which equity securities of the Company were authorized for issuance as at December 31, 2021.

Plan Category Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	Securities to be issued upon Exercise of Outstanding Option Rights (#)	Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options (CDN\$/Security)	Securities remaining Available for future issuance under Equity Compensation Plans (#) (1)
Stock Option Plan	1,545,834	1.45	-
RSUs Plan	327,936	N/A	-
Omnibus Plan	922,395	2.14	6,380,190
Equity compensation plans not approved by securities holders	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total	2,796,165	1.45	6,380,190

#### Notes:

## **Burn Rates**

The table below reflects the annual burn rate calculated in accordance with s. 613(d) of the TSX Company Manual, of each of the Company's security-based compensation arrangements for each of the years ended December 31, 2019, December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2021, respectively. The burn rate for each year is calculated as the number of units issued in such year divided by the weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding for such year.

	2019		202	20	2021		
	# Granted	Burn Rate	# Granted	Burn Rate	# Granted	Burn Rate	3-Year Average
Stock Options	660,000	0.82%	917,000	1.00%	328,173	0.36%	0.73%
RSUs	164,143	0.20%	491,802	0.54%	168,025	0.18%	0.31%
PSUs	-	-	-	-	336,049	0.37%	0.12%
DSUs	-	-	-	-	150,148	0.16%	0.05%

## Note:

## **Indebtedness of Directors and Officers**

The Company does not make personal loans or extend credit to its directors or officers. None of the directors or officers of the Company and no associates or affiliates of any of them, nor any proposed Nominee, is or has been indebted to the Company or its subsidiaries at any time since the beginning of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

<sup>(1)</sup> The total number of Common Shares issuable under the Omnibus Plan and all other security-based compensation outstanding under the Stock Option Plan and RSU Plan shall not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares from time to time.

<sup>1)</sup> The weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding for year-ended December 31, 2019 was 80,110,371, for December 31, 2020 was 91,657,777 and for December 31, 2021 was 91,471,000.

# Interest of Informed Persons in Material Transactions

Other than as set forth in this Circular, the Company's final short form base shelf prospectus dated October 25, 2021, or the consolidated audited financial statements of the Company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, which can be accessed under the Company's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com, or otherwise set out herein, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, to the date hereof, "informed persons" (as such term is defined in National Instrument 51-102) of the Company, proposed directors and associates and affiliates of any such persons did not have an interest in any transactions or proposed transactions which have materially affected or would materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

# Director's and Officers' Liability Insurance and Indemnification

Mandalay's articles provide that the Company will indemnify a director or officer, a former director or officer, and his or her heirs and legal representatives to the fullest extent permitted by the Act.

Mandalay maintains a Directors' and Officers' Liability insurance program for the benefit of its directors and officers. This provides coverage for loss that a director or officer becomes legally obligated to pay on account of a claim made against them from an alleged or actual wrongful act committed in their executive capacity, subject to certain limitations contained in the Act.

The current policy of insurance is in effect until July 1, 2022. The annualized premium for such insurance is approximately USD\$143,730. No portion of the premium is directly paid by any of the directors or officers of the Company.

The aggregate insurance coverage under the policy for both directors and officers is USD\$35 million, comprised of \$10 million in primary insurance, USD\$10 million first excess insurance, \$10 million second excess and USD\$5 million side A insurance, subject to a deductible amount of USD\$150,000 for each loss. The policy contains standard industry exclusions. No claims have been made or paid to date under the policy.

Although Mandalay maintains insurance in amounts that it believes to be reasonable, the Company's insurance might not cover all the potential risks associated with its business. The Company may be unable to maintain insurance to cover certain risks at economically feasible premiums or insurance coverage may not continue to be available or may not be adequate to cover any resulting liability.

# **Shareholder Proposals**

In order to be included in proxy materials for the Company's 2023 annual meeting of shareholders, shareholder proposals must be received by the Company at its offices no later than April 22, 2023. The Company's registered and head office is Suite 330 – 76 Richmond Street East, Toronto, Ontario, M5C 1P1.

# **Register and Transfer Agent**

Computershare Investor Services Inc., 100 University Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, ON M5J 2Y1, is the registrar and transfer agent for the Common Shares.

# **Additional Information**

Additional information relating to the Company can be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Financial information is provided in the Company's comparative annual financial statements and management discussion and analysis for the Company's most recently completed financial year. Copies of the Company's financial statements and management discussion and analysis may be obtained, without charge, upon request to the Company at Suite 330 – 76 Richmond Street East, Toronto, Ontario, M5C 1P1.

# **BOARD APPROVAL**

The contents and the sending of this Circular have been approved by the Board.

DATED at Toronto, Ontario this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

(signed) "Dominic Duffy"

Dominic Duffy President and Chief Executive Officer

# **SCHEDULE A**

# MANDALAY RESOURCES CORPORATION (the "Company")

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHARTER**

## **PURPOSE**

The Board of Directors is elected by the Company's shareholders to supervise the affairs of the Company and ensure management of the business in the best interests of the Company. The Board of Directors shall:

- Review and approve the strategic plan and business objectives of the Company that are submitted by senior management and monitor the implementation by senior management of the strategic plan. During at least one meeting each year, the Board of Directors will review the Company's long-term strategic plans and the principal issues that the Company expects to face in the future.
- Review and ensure that the principal strategic, operational, reporting and compliance risks for the Company
  are identified and understood. It will oversee processes and accountabilities for identifying, assessing,
  monitoring and managing risks.
- At least annually, obtain from senior management a report specifying the management and mitigation of the principal risks of the Corporation.
- Review policies and compliance therewith that require significant actual or potential liabilities, contingent or otherwise, to be reported to the Board of Directors in a timely fashion.
- Ensure, with the assistance of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, the effective
  functioning of the Board of Directors and its committees, in compliance with corporate governance
  requirements of applicable legislation, and ensure that the Corporate Governance and Nominating
  Committee review such compliance periodically.
- Ensure that internal controls and management information systems for the Company are in place and are reviewed and evaluated periodically on the initiative of the Audit Committee.
- Adopt an annual budget and approve all major expenditures above set authorization limits not included in the annual budget;
- Oversee the Company's continuous disclosure program to ensure timely disclosure to regulators, stock exchanges and stakeholders;
- Appoint the CEO and assess the performance of the CEO and other members of the Company's senior management and periodically monitor the CEO's compensation and that of other senior management members based on determinations and recommendations made by the Compensation Committee.
- Ensure that the Company has in place a policy for effective communication with shareholders, other stakeholders and the public generally.
- Review and, where appropriate, approve the recommendations made by the various committees of the Board of Directors, including, without limitation, to: select nominees for election to the Board of Directors; appoint directors to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors; appoint members of the various committees of the Board of Directors; and, establish the form and amount of director compensation.

# **COMPOSITION**

The Board of Directors collectively should possess a broad range of skills, expertise, industry and other knowledge, and business and other experience useful to the effective oversight of the Company's business. The Board of Directors should be comprised of that number of individuals which will permit the Board of Directors' effective functioning. The appointment and removal of directors shall occur in accordance with the Company's by-laws. A majority of the Board of Directors should meet the independence requirements of applicable legislation, regulatory requirements and policies of the Canadian Securities Administrators. The Board of Directors has adopted a set of categorical standards for determining whether directors satisfy those requirements for independence. A copy of those standards is attached as **Appendix A**. The Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, shall designate the Chair by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

#### **MEETINGS**

The Board of Directors shall meet at least four times each year and more frequently as circumstances require. All members of the Board of Directors should strive to be at all meetings. The Board of Directors may meet separately, periodically, without senior management, and may request any member of the Company's senior management or the Company's outside counsel or independent auditor to attend meetings of the Board of Directors or with advisors thereto.

### **COMMITTEES**

The Board of Directors may delegate authority to individual directors and committees where the Board of Directors determines it is appropriate to do so. The Board of Directors expects to accomplish a substantial amount of its work through committees and shall form at least the following three committees: the Audit Committee, the Compensation, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and the Safety, Health, Community and Environmental Committee. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, establish or maintain additional standing or special committees as it determines to be necessary or appropriate. Each committee should have a written charter and should report regularly to the Board of Directors, summarizing the committee's actions and any significant issues considered by the committee.

## **INDEPENDENT ADVICE**

In discharging its mandate, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to retain (and authorize the payment by the Company of) and receive advice from special legal, accounting or other advisors as the Board of Directors determines to be necessary to permit it to carry out its duties.

## **ANNUAL EVALUATION**

Annually, or more frequently at the request of the Chief Executive Officer as a result of legislative or regulatory changes, the Board of Directors through the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee shall, in a manner it determines to be appropriate:

- Conduct a review and evaluation of the performance of the Board of Directors and its members and
  committees, including the compliance of the Board of Directors with this Charter. This evaluation will focus
  on the contribution of the Board of Directors to the Company and specifically focus on areas in which the
  directors and senior management believe that the contribution of the Board of Directors could be
  improved.
- Review and assess the adequacy of this Charter and the position description for the Chair and make any
  improvements the Board of Directors determines to be appropriate, except for minor technical
  amendments to this Charter, authority for which is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, who will report
  any such amendments to the Board of Directors at its next regular meeting.

# MANDALAY RESOURCES CORPORATION (the "Company")

## Appendix A

## CATEGORICAL STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING

## INDEPENDENCE OF DIRECTORS

For a director to be considered independent under the policies of the Canadian Securities Administrators, he or she must have *no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company*, being a relationship that could, in the view of the Board of Directors, reasonably interfere with the exercise of a Director's independent judgment.

The Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, has considered the types of relationships that could reasonably be expected to be relevant to the independence of a director of the Company. The Board of Directors has determined that:

- 1. A director's interests and relationships arising solely from his or her (or any immediate family members'¹) shareholdings in the Company are not, in and of themselves, a bar to independence.
- 2. Unless a specific determination to the contrary is made by the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee as a result of there being another direct or indirect material relationship with the Company, a director will be independent unless currently, or at any time within the past three years, he or she or any immediate family member:
- <u>Employment</u>: Is (or has been) an officer or employee (or, in the case of an immediate family member, an executive officer) or (in the case of the director only) an affiliate<sup>2</sup> of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates (collectively, the "Company Group") or is actively involved in the day-to-day management of the Company.
- <u>Direct Compensation</u>: Receives (or has received) direct compensation during any twelve-month period from the Company Group (other than director fees and committee fees and pension or other forms of deferred compensation for prior service, provided it is not contingent on continued service)<sup>3</sup>.
- <u>Auditor Relationship</u>. Is (or has been) a partner or employee of a firm that is the Company's internal or independent auditor (provided that in the case of an immediate family member, he or she participates in its audit, assurance or tax compliance (but not tax planning practice)) and if during that time, he or she or an immediate family member was a partner or employee of that firm but no longer is such, he or she or the immediate family member personally worked on the Company's audit;
- Material Commercial Relationship. Has (or has had), or is an executive officer, employee or significant shareholder of a person that has (or has had), a significant commercial relationship with the Company Group.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A (i) spouse, parent, child, sibling, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or (ii) any person (other than domestic employees) who shares that director's home.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A company is a subsidiary of another company if it is controlled, directly or indirectly, by that other company (through one or more intermediaries or otherwise). An "Affiliate" of a person is a person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with the first person.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Employment as an interim chair or an interim Chief Executive Officer need not preclude a director from being considered independent following the end of that employment. Receipt of compensation by an immediate family member need not preclude a director from being independent if that family member is a non-executive employee.

- <u>Cross-Compensation Committee Link</u>. Is employed as an executive officer of another entity whose compensation committee (or similar body) during that period of employment included a current executive officer of the Company.
- Material Association. Has (or has had) a close association with an executive officer of the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no director will be considered independent if applicable securities legislation, rules or regulations expressly prohibit such person from being considered independent.